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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF

BOSTON.

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IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Jan. 10, 1881.

The meeting for the organization of the Board of School Committee for this municipal year was held, by order of His Honor the Mayor, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, on Monday, Jan. 10, 1881, being the second Monday in said month, at seven and one-half o'clock, P.M.

Present: all the members, except Messrs. Adams, Bowditch, Finney, and Reed. Hon. Fred'k O. Prince, President of the Board in the chair.

At the request of the President, prayer was offered by Rev. George A. Thayer. Prayer.

The following members of the Board of last year continue in office, having unexpired terms: — Members with unexpired terms.

Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Finney, Fleming, Fox, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Reed, Thayer, and Winship.

The Chair read the following communication: —

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, Dec. 22, 1880. Communication from City Clerk.

PHINEAS BATES, JR., ESQ., *Secretary of School Committee:*

SIR: — This is to certify that the following persons, having received a plurality of votes at the recent Municipal Election, appear to have been duly elected as members of the School Committee of this city, for the terms set to their respective names, viz.: —

For *three years* from second Monday of January, 1881: —

Nahum Chapin, Abram E. Cutter, Charles T. Gallagher, John W. Porter, Charles L. Flint, George H. Plummer, Henry W. Swift, John C. Crowley

For *two years*, E. F. Spaulding.

For *one year*, William A. Rust, Lucia M. Peabody.

Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

Placed on file.

Certificates of members-elect.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, a committee of three was appointed to collect the certificates of members-elect.

The Chair appointed as that committee Messrs. Hobbs, Crowley, and Swift, who, after attending to their duties, reported that credentials had been received from the eleven newly elected members.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the credentials placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Rules and Regulations adopted.

Ordered, That the Rules of the School Committee and the Regulations of the public schools of the last year be adopted for the present year, and that the instructors of all the schools be continued in office, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Unfinished business referred.

Ordered, That the unfinished business referred to this Board from last year be taken from the files, and referred to the appropriate committees.

Election of Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Vice-President, and Messrs. Fleming, Winship, and Blake were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10. William H. Finney had 19, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Secretary. The same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 10. Phineas Bates, Jr., had 20, and was accordingly declared elected.

Election of Auditing Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to the choice of an Auditing Clerk. The same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer.

They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10; William J. Porter had 19, and was accordingly declared elected.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Messenger. The same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10. Alvah H. Peters had 19, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Messenger.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer of the Corporation. The same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for said officer. They reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 10. Abram E. Cutter had 19, and was accordingly declared elected. Election of Treasurer of Corporation.

The Secretary of the Board was qualified as Secretary of the Corporation, by His Honor the Mayor. Secretary qualified.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday evening, January 25th, at seven and one-half o'clock. Adjournment.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Ordered, That six hundred additional copies of the responses of President and Vice-President of the Board be printed. Edition of responses of President and Vice-President.

His Honor the Mayor appointed the following Standing Committees; also the Normal School, High School, and Division Committees, viz.: —

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Accounts. — F. Lyman Winship, Messrs. Fox, Reed, Fleming, Rust. Standing Committees appointed.

Horace Mann School. — F. Lyman Winship, Messrs. Thayer, Bowditch.

Drawing and Music. — Charles C. Perkins, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Cutter, Blake, Spaulding.

Elections. — Geo. M. Hobbs, Messrs. Porter, Fox.

Evening Schools. — Chas. H. Reed, Messrs. Fleming, Hobbs, Fox, Gallagher.

Examinations. — Geo. A. Thayer, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Moran, Hyde, Flint.

Schools for Licensed Minors. — Nahum Chapin, Messrs. Rust, Spaulding.

Primary School Instruction. — Brooks Adams, Messrs. Moran, Finney, Reed, Swift.

Nominations. — Geo. H. Plummer, Messrs. Bowditch, Fleming, Cutter, Porter.

Rules and Regulations. — Geo. M. Hobbs, Messrs. Porter, Flint, Crowley, Spaulding.

Salaries. — Geo. H. Plummer, Messrs. Chapin, Thayer, Cutter, Crowley.

School-Houses. — Nahum Chapin, Messrs. Plummer, Bowditch, Winship, Gallagher.

Sewing. — Lucia M. Peabody, Messrs. Winship, Chapin, Fox, Fleming.

Supplies. — Wm. H. Finney, Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Adams, Moran.

Text Books. — John G. Blake, Messrs. Finney, Adams, Crowley, Swift.

Truant Officers. — The Mayor, Messrs. Finney, Moran, Reed, Swift.

Annual Report. — Brooks Adams, Messrs. Hobbs, Blake.

NORMAL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND DIVISION COMMITTEES.

Normal, High School, and Division Committees appointed.

Normal School. — Messrs. Hobbs, Moran, Finney, Hyde, and Miss Peabody.

High Schools. — Messrs. Flint, Bowditch, Adams, Blake, Swift.

First Division. — Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Cutter, Fleming, Spaulding.

Second Division. — Messrs. Cutter, Chapin, Perkins, Rust, Spaulding.

Third Division. — Messrs. Perkins, Plummer, Adams, Fleming, Flint.

Fourth Division. — Messrs. Blake, Reed, Fox, Crowley, Swift.

Fifth Division. — Messrs. Reed, Crowley, Hyde, Moran, Flint.

Sixth Division. — Messrs. Fox, Blake, Thayer, Flint, Gallagher.

Seventh Division. — Mr. Moran, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Hobbs, Finney, Crowley.

Eighth Division. — Messrs. Winship, Bowditch, Hyde.

Ninth Division. — Messrs. Porter, Hyde, Thayer.

The appointments were confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Legislature committee appointed.

Ordered, That a special committee of three be appointed to take charge of all matters relating to the schools of Boston that may come before the Legislature during the present year.

The chair appointed Messrs. Hobbs, Reed, and Adams as such committee.

Mr. Fox offered the following: —

Vacancies on Standing Committees: amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be so amended that the President of this Board alone shall fill vacancies occurring on Standing Committees.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Resignations from committees.

Mr. Rust asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on the Second Division, and Mr. Flint from serving on the Committee on the Third Division.

Granted.

Appointments on committees.

The Chair appointed Mr. Rust to serve on the Committee on the Third Division and Mr. Flint to serve on the Committee on the Second Division.

Confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at ten minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

In School Committee, Jan. 25, 1881.

A regular and adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Orders recommitted; amendments proposed in Report of Board of Supervisors.

The orders concerning amendments to Sects. 218, 87, 142, 147, 149, 160, and 344 of the Rules and Regulations (see pages 236, 237, Minutes of 1880,) came up for a second reading, and, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, were recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Lyman District. — Irene A. Bancroft, third assistant, Jan. 1, 1881.

Winthrop District. — Lizzie H. Bird, third assistant, Jan. 19, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Lyman District. — Martha L. Frame, from Jan. 18, 1881.

Rice District. — Alice H. Goodall, from Nov. 29, 1880.

Accepted.

FOR TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Adams District. — Susan E. Geyer, third assistant, from Jan. 3, 1881.

Stoughton District. — Helen F. Burgess, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Girls' High School. — Julia A. Stetson, fourth assistant, fifth year, from Jan. 3, 1881.

Bunker Hill District. — Annie B. Hunter, fourth assistant, from Jan. 3, 1881.

Lyman District. — Ida E. Halliday, third assistant, Jan. 3, 1881.

Wells District. — Annie D. Clough, fourth assistant, from Dec. 16, 1880.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order concerning the rank of Eliza M. Evert, third assistant in the Bowditch School, reported that, on account of a clerical error in the returns from the Bowditch School, Miss Evert was reëlected as a third assistant in April last.

According to the regulations, the numbers entitled the school to two first assistants and one second assistant, — the classification of the school, however, is such as to make the appointment of one first assistant and two second assistants preferable, — the committee, therefore, asked that the rules be suspended, in order that the following nomination for reëlection might be confirmed: —

Rank of Eliza M. Evert.

Bowditch District. — Eliza M. Evert, second assistant, from April 1, 1880: —

The report was accepted.

Rules suspended.

The rules were suspended and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order concerning the rank of assistants in the Allston School, reported recommending that the rules be suspended in order to admit the passage of the following order: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

Ordered, That, instead of a second sub-master, the Allston School be allowed an additional teacher, with the rank of second assistant. Additional second assistant in Allston School.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Julia A. Stetson, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in that grade, to date from Jan. 3, 1881. Salary of Julia A. Stetson.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until March 1st be granted to Ellen H. Holt, fourth assistant in the Lowell District; that leave of absence until April 1st be granted to Annie A. E. Fagan, third assistant in the Dudley District; Elizabeth R. Wallis, third assistant in the Dearborn District; Mary J. Backup, fourth assistant in the Comins District, and H. Amelia Smith, third assistant in the Lewis District. Leave of absence to Misses Holt, Fagan, Wallis, Backup, and Smith.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, reported the employment of the following substitutes for longer than thirty days: Della G. Robinson, Comins District; Cordelia G. Torrey, Dearborn District; and Irene Fisher, Lowell District. Misses Robinson, Torrey, and Fisher, substitutes.

Approved.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1st be granted to Maria L. Burrell, fourth assistant in the Lewis Leave of absence to Maria L. Burrell.

District, but without pay from Jan. 1st, 1881, and that her substitute, Fannie D. Lane, be paid forty-six dollars ($46.00) per month during that interval.

Salary of substitute.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Edition of Annual Report.

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Annual Report for 1880 be printed.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Dedication of English High and Latin School building.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be directed to make the necessary preparations for the dedication of the English High and Latin School building on the 22d of February.

Petition for one daily session in Primary School at North Brighton.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Mrs. Cullen and 74 others, parents of children attending the Primary School in North Brighton, praying for one daily session only in that school.

Laid on the table.

Petition for one daily session in Allston School, and remonstrance against the same.

The Chair presented a petition, signed by Mrs. J. W. Hollis and 150 others, parents of 239 children attending the Allston School, praying for one daily session only in that school; also a remonstrance against the same, signed by Cyrus A. Brown and 29 others.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mattie K. Borden.

Lalia C. Tedford, substitute.

Ordered, That leave of absence be granted to Mattie K. Borden, third assistant in the Adams District, and that Lalia C. Tedford be approved as a substitute for Miss Borden.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Harriet N. Webster.

Ordered, That leave of absence until March 7 be granted to Harriet N. Webster, third assistant in the

Lyman District, and that John O. Godfrey be approved as a substitute for Miss Webster. John O. Godfrey, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Ordered, That Superintendent Seaver be authorized to sign all certificates issued by the Board of Supervisors, from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1, 1880. Superintendent's signature on certificates.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to prepare a plan for giving diplomas to the graduating pupils of Grammar Schools, with or without certificates of admission to the High Schools, and report said plan to this Board. Grammar School diplomas with or without certificates for High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until March 1, 1881, be granted to Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant in the Prescott District; and Leave of absence to Mary E. Smith.

Ordered, That Mary W. Smith be approved as a substitute for Mary E. Smith. Mary W. Smith, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1881, be granted to Mary E. Badlam, third assistant in the Everett District; and Leave of absence to Mary E. Badlam.

Ordered, That Mary E. Abercrombie be approved as a substitute for Miss Badlam. Mary E. Abercrombie, substitute.

Mr. Reed moved that the following order, referred to this Board from the files of last year, be considered: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the proper arrangements to be made for lighting a sufficient number of rooms in the new High-School building, to meet the requirements of the Evening High School. Accommodations for Evening High School in new High-School building.

Mr. Flint moved that the order be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Reed moved that the order be specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

Yeas and nays.

Ordered, That when the question on indefinite postponement be taken, it be by yeas and nays.

Mr. Reed's motion to specially assign was lost.

Mr. Blake moved that the order be specially assigned for consideration to the last meeting of the Board in June.

Lost.

Special assignment; accommodations for Evening High School in new building.

Mr. Moran moved that the order be specially assigned for consideration to the last meeting of the Board in May.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Moran's motion passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Cutter, Flint, Fox, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Rust, Swift, Thayer, Winship. — 16.

Nays. — Messrs. Crowley, Fleming, Gallagher, Hobbs, Plummer, Reed, Spaulding. — 7.

Opinions of Supervisors and teachers on Game of Multiplication.

The Chair presented communications from Supervisors Mason, Kneeland, and Parker, and two teachers of primary classes, concerning Mrs. Foote's "Multiplication Game," which were referred to the Committee on Textbooks.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations on filling vacancies in Standing Committees.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Jan. 10 — an order to amend the rules so that the President of this Board alone shall fill vacancies occurring on Standing Committees, reported that the committee have considered the same, and recommend that the order do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations on one daily session of schools.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order that the regulations be amended so as to provide that whenever the parents or guardians of at least three-fourths of the pupils attending any particular school shall petition for one daily session for such school, the petition shall be granted, reported as follows: —

The committee have considered the matter, and do not deem it expedient to change the rules.

While they are not prepared to say that, in no case, should there be but one session a day in a school, they are of the opinion that the system, as now adopted, of two sessions, is, on the whole, the better. And it may be well worthy of consideration, whether our High Schools would not be improved by having two sessions a day in them instead of one.

The committee can suppose cases, by reason of great distances of pupils from the schools, or during a certain season, when it might be desirable to adopt the one-session system. Other cases may occur requiring the exercise of the power of the Board in this direction.

But the committee do not think it now expedient to make any change in the rules. If it shall be made to appear to the Board, upon a hearing, that it is for the best interests of a particular school to grant a request for one session, it may then be granted. But each case should stand upon its own merits, to be passed upon after special examination and full consideration.

The committee, fully recognizing the justice of considering the wishes of parents and guardians upon all occasions, when properly brought before the Board, deem the above recommendations as well suited to enable them to be met and duly considered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was laid on the table.

Report of Com. on Accounts on appropriations and expenditures.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, offered the following: —

CITY OF BOSTON.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS, January 21, 1881.

To the School Committee of the City of Boston: —

The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee respectfully represent that their estimates of expenditures required to carry on the public schools for the current financial year, presented to the City Government, Feb. 17, 1880, were as follows: —

For Salaries of Instructors	$1,124,576	
For Salaries of Officers	45,320	
For School Expenses (including $15,000 for the establishment of an Industrial School)	273,350	
Total		$1,443,246

The amount appropriated by the City Council was as follows: —

For Salaries of Instructors	$1,050,000	
For Salaries of Officers	44,000	
For School Expenses	240,000	
Total		1,334,000
Reduction by the City Council		$109,246

The Committee on Accounts used the greatest care in making up their estimates for the year, taking the number of teachers of the various grades as allowed by the rules, and calculating the exact amount to be paid to each at the salaries established by the School Board.

The amount deducted from the Salaries of Instructors was $74,576. To offset this reduction the School Committee reduced the salaries of assistants in Elementary Evening Schools 25 per cent., effecting a saving thereby of about $5,500

The number of sessions in the Evening Drawing Schools was reduced from four to three evenings per week, thereby causing a saving of 25 per cent., equal to about 2,300

Reduction by the School Board from the estimates presented $7,800

Since the reorganization of the School Board, five years ago, the salaries of the regular instructors have been twice reduced; and this year the School Committee were almost unanimous against a further reduction.

The City Auditor has refused to pay the Instructor of Military Drill and Armorer their salaries since Aug. 1, 1880. The amount that will be due them at the close of the financial year will be $1,336; and if not paid this year it is probable that provision will have to be made for the payment of the same next year.

The amount deducted from the Salaries of Officers was $1,320.

The estimates included the salaries of four Supervisors only, in accordance with the rules then existing; but owing to the reorganization of the Primary Schools the views of the committee changed, and they voted to employ six Supervisors, which required an expenditure over the estimates of $7,560. This amount, in addition to a large portion of the reduction made on this item, will be required.

The amount deducted from School Expenses was $33,350. But as $15,000 of this amount was for the establishment of an Industrial School (which was not established) the reduction virtually amounted to $18,350.

As the amount required for school-books is much less than was expected, the committee hoped that the School Expenses account could be confined to the appropriation granted; but the expense for fuel largely exceeds their estimates; and that, in addition to expenses incidental to the occupancy of the new High School building, which requires some ten to twelve hundred tons of coal annually, at a cost of about $6,000, necessitates an additional amount.

The School Committee has collected and paid to the City Treasurer thus far, during the present financial year, for supplies furnished pupils, $37,838.37. In addition to this amount, the City Collector has received during the same time $5,866.44, making a total of $43,704.81 collected this year from pupils for materials furnished them by the city.

The income received by the City Treasurer on account of School Expenditures, thus far this year, has been as follows: —

Books and materials furnished pupils .	$43,704 81	
Non-resident deaf-mute pupils (6 mos.)	3,841 66	
Non-resident, other pupils (6 mos.) .	2,436 39	
Trust Funds, and other sources . .	12,806 80	
Making a total income to Jan. 21st of . . .		$62,789 66
Carried forward		$62,789 66

Brought forward		$62,789 66
Estimate of additional income to be received from Jan. 21st to May 1st		9,000 00
Probable income for the year		$71,789 66

In making up their estimates the Committee on Accounts estimated the income to be as follows: —

Non-residents, State and City . . .	$10,000 00	
Trust Funds, and other sources . .	10,000 00	
		20,000 00
Surplus income over the amount estimated . .		$51,789 66

The committee desire to call attention to the fact that in making up the cost of the schools no allowance is made for income returned to the City Treasury; for instance, about $50,000 will be charged for books this year, when in reality the cost to the city will be less than $25,000, owing to over $25,000 being returned in part payment for the same. This is equally true of other material furnished. In the case of the Deaf-Mute School, the whole cost, $9,544.83 (last year), was charged to the School Department, although the State paid $7,880.34, nearly the whole expense of the school.

In justice to the School Board we would respectfully suggest that the City Council be requested to cause, in future, the income received, which amounted last year to $49,837.28, and this year will probably amount to $71,789.66, making a total for the two years of $121,626.94, to be deducted from the total expenses, thereby showing the actual cost of the schools.

With these explanations the Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the City Council be petitioned to make an additional appropriation of $79,850, for school expenditures, which amount is absolutely necessary to carry on the schools for the remainder of the financial year, as follows: —

For Salaries of Instructors	$66,000 00	
For Salaries of Officers	8,470 00	
For School Expenses	5,380 00	
Total appropriation required		$79,850 00

If the above appropriation is granted, the amount allowed for the year will be a reduction from the original estimates of $29,396.00; a reduction from the amount granted last year, of $4,283.00; a reduction from the amount spent last year of $3,002.00.

As the income will be $51,789.66 more than estimated, the amount really to be provided will be $28,060.34, which is a saving from the estimates presented last February of $81,185.66.

A portion of this appropriation is needed by March 1st; otherwise no money will be available for the Salaries of Officers.

In accordance with the preceding communication, the committee respectfully recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That this communication be forwarded to the City Council, and that they be respectfully requested to make the appropriation needed, as therein stated.

For the Committee on Accounts,

F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
Chairman.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Petitions for one daily session in schools in Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the petition for one daily session in the North Brighton Primary School; the petition for one daily session in the Allston School, and the remonstrance against the same; and the petition for one daily session in the Hillside School, — were taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Petition for one daily session in Egleston-square School.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the petition for one daily session in the Egleston-square School was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred from the files of last year an order concerning the salary of N. Hosea Whittemore, sub-master in the Quincy District, reported that on account of the service rendered by him in the Boston Schools the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of N. H. Whittemore.

Ordered, That N. Hosea Whittemore, sub-master in the Quincy District, be placed upon his fourth year of service in that grade, to date from Oct. 21, 1880.

Accepted, and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at ten minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 8, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Mr. Blake.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following communication: — Communication from City Auditor.

CITY OF BOSTON.

CITY HALL, AUDITOR'S OFFICE,
February 1, 1881.

I am required to lay before the City Council during the month of February, in each year, an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be raised to defray the expenditures of the financial year, which commences on the ensuing first day of May next, including the Auditor's draft of the first of May; also an estimate of the *Ways and Means* of meeting the same.

Will you have the goodness to furnish me, on or before the 18th instant, with an estimate of the amount deemed necessary for your department, including *all salaries* chargeable to the department?

Please also state how much (if anything) your department will be able to contribute towards the *Ways and Means*, by payments into the City Treasury during that year.

Respectfully,
Your ob't serv't,
ALFRED T. TURNER,
Auditor of Accounts.

TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

N.B. — The ordinance of May 15, 1880, requires the several boards, departments, and committees, to give a detailed statement of the purposes for which the appropriation is requested.

On motion of Mr. Finney, placed on file.

Reports of Com. on Nominations: special assistants Primary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Hancock District. — Anna J. Bradley, from Jan. 18, and Eunice J. Simpson, from Jan. 12, 1881.

Wells District. — Mary E. Corbett and Mary J. Leahy, from Jan. 13, 1881, respectively.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teacher.

Wells District. — Annie D. Clough, fourth assistant, from Dec. 9 to 16, 1880.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of a teacher.

Allston District. — Marion Keith, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Girls' Latin. — Mary A. Currier, special teacher of vocal and physical culture.

West Roxbury High. — Mary L. Charles, fourth assistant.

Bennett District. — Clara L. Harrington, fourth assistant.

Lyman District. — Eliza F. Russell, first assistant, third year, Amelia H. Pitman and Mary A. Turner, second assistants.

Mt. Vernon District. — Clara I. Metcalf, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until April 1, 1881, be granted to Adelaide A. Rea, fourth assistant in the Wells District; and

Leave of absence to Adelaide A. Rea.

Ordered, That Dora M. Leonard be approved as a substitute for Miss Rea.

Dora M. Leonard, substitute.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committe, offered the following: —

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until March 6, 1881, be granted to Cleone G. Tewksbury, fourth assistant in the Eliot District, but without pay from February 1, and that her substitute, Jeannette A. Thompson, be paid forty-six dollars a month during that interval.

Leave of absence to Cleone G. Tewksbury.

Salary of Jeannette A. Thompson, substitute.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until April 1, 1881, be granted to Lucette A. Wentworth, third assistant in the Eliot District, but without pay from February 1, and that her substitute, Mattie F. Wright, be paid forty-six dollars a month during that interval.

Leave of absence to Lucette A. Wentworth.

Salary of Mattie F. Wright, substitute.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1881, be granted to Elizabeth R. Preston, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District; and

Leave of absence to Elizabeth R. Preston.

Ordered, That Mary E. Wilder be approved as a substitute for Miss Preston.

Mary E. Wilder, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until May 1, 1881, be granted to Julia L. Adams, third assistant in the Bunker Hill District.

Leave of absence to Julia L. Adams.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Annie L. Jenkins.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until April 1, 1881, be granted to Annie L. Jenkins, third assistant in the Mather District; and

Mary B. Corr, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary B. Corr be approved as a substitute for Miss Jenkins.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Old Latin and English High School-building surrendered to City Council.

Ordered, That the old Latin and English High School building, on Bedford street, be surrendered to the City Council.

Report of Com. on High Schools on petition of D. J. Atwood.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, a petition from D. J. Atwood, praying that he be permitted to use one of the rooms in the new High School house for the purpose of teaching elocution, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the request.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, it was

Committee on Nominations to report in print.

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be authorized to report, in print, the nominations for reëlection of instructors for the next school year.

Mr. Winship offered the following: —

Examinations for admission to Normal, Latin, and High Schools; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the rules be amended by specifying stated times for examinations for admission to the Normal, Latin, and High Schools, instead of such times as the committees in charge may direct.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Fannie W. Hussey.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until May 1, be granted to Fannie W. Hussey, fourth assistant in the Norcross District.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, reported the resignation of Elizabeth D. Cutter, sewing-teacher in the Franklin School, to take effect Feb. 1, 1881.

Resignation of Elizabeth D. Cutter.

Accepted.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported the nomination of Lizzie A. Thomas, as sewing-teacher in the Franklin School, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Election of Lizzie A. Thomas.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Annual Report, submitted in print the annual report of the School Committee for 1880.

Annual Report for 1880.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to consider whether changes in the Rules and Regulations are desirable, in order that changes in the rank and salary of teachers in consequence of changes in the numbers of pupils belonging to the several schools may be prevented.

Changes in rank and salary of teachers: amendment proposed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Ordered, That blank drawing-books only be used in the Primary and Grammar Schools, from February to July, 1881, and that the Committee on Supplies be authorized to furnish the same as speedily as possible.

Blank drawing-books for Primary and Grammar Schools.

The Chair read a communication from L. Prang & Co., on the subject of drawing-books, asking for a hearing before a special committee of the Board.

Communication from L. Prang & Co.

Mr. Hobbs moved that a special committee be appointed.

Mr. Reed moved that the special committee consist of five members of the Board, and the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Hearing to L. Prang & Co.

Mr. Moran moved to refer the matter to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with instructions to give a hearing and report to the Board.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Moran's motion passed by a vote of 13 to 11.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations on one daily session of schools.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations, on one daily session in the schools [see p. 15, Minutes, Jan. 25, 1881], was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Com. on Eighth Division.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred a petition for one daily session only in the Hillside School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Sessions of Hillside School.

Ordered, That a single daily session, with two recesses of thirty minutes, aggregate length, be held in the Hillside School, from Feb. 14 to May 13, inclusive.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Accounts: estimates for 1881-82.

Mr. Winship, for the Joint Committee on Accounts and Supplies, presented the following estimates of expenses for the financial year 1881–82, and asked that the same be approved by the Board.

SCHOOLS. — ESTIMATES FOR 1880–81.

School Committee,
Office of Accounts, Feb. 8, 1881.

Alfred T. Turner, Esq.: —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Accounts of the School Committee herewith transmit to you estimates of the amounts which will be required to meet the expenses of the Public Schools for the financial year commencing on the first day of May, 1881, and ending April 30, 1882, exclusive of the expenses for furniture, repairs, alterations, and the building of school-houses.

Very respectfully yours,

F. LYMAN WINSHIP,

Chairman Com. on Accounts, School Com.

SALARIES OF INSTRUCTORS.

First Grade.

6	Head-Masters . .	at $3,780	$22,680	
1	Master	" 3,168	3,168	
15	Masters . . .	" 2,880	43,200	
3	Junior Masters . .	" 2,736	8,208	
2	" " . . .	" 2,592	5,184	
1	" " . . .	" 2,448	2,448	
4	" " . . .	" 2,304	9,216	
1	" " . . .	" 2,160	2,160	
1	" " . . .	" 2,100	2,100	
1	" " . . .	" 2,016	2,016	
1	" " . . .	" 1,872	1,872	
				$102,252 00

Second Grade.

38	Masters . . .	at $2,880	$109,440	
1	Master . . .	" 2,820	2,820	
1	" . . .	" 2,760	2,760	
1	" . . .	" 2,700	2,700	
1	" . . .	" 2,640	2,640	
1	" — Dillaway .	" 1,800	1,800	
5	Sub-Masters . .	" 2,496	12,480	
20	" " . .	" 2,280	45,600	
1	" Master . .	" 2,220	2,220	
1	" " . .	" 2,100	2,100	
1	" " . .	" 2,040	2,040	
1	Second Sub-Master .	" 1,944	1,944	
11	" " .	" 1,800	19,800	
1	" " .	" 1,740	1,740	
1	" " .	" 1,680	1,680	
1	" " .	" 1,560	1,560	
				213,324 00

Third Grade.

1	Assistant Principal .	at $1,800	$1,800	
5	First Assistants . .	" 1,620	8,100	
5	Second Assistants .	" 1,380	6,900	
1	" " .	" 1,308	1,308	
1	" " .	" 1,236	1,236	
6	Third " .	" 1,140	6,840	
	Carried forward		$26,184	$315,576 00

Brought forward			$26,184	$315,576 00
1 Third Assistant . .	at	$1,104	1,104	
2 " " .	"	1,068	2,136	
1 " " .	"	996	996	
12 Fourth " .	"	948	11,376	
2 " " .	"	912	1,824	
5 " " .	"	876	4,380	
				48,000 00
Fourth Grade.				
1 First Assistant . .	at	$1,152	$1,152	
38 First Assistants . .	"	1,080	41,040	
16 " " . .	"	1,008	16,128	
6 " " . .	"	972	5,832	
3 " " . .	"	936	2,808	
57 Second " . .	"	816	46,512	
7 " " . .	"	804	5,628	
3 " " . .	"	792	2,376	
4 " " . .	"	780	3,120	
1 " " . .	"	768	768	
280 Third " . .	"	744	208,320	
5 " " . .	"	696	3,480	
2 " " . .	"	660	1,320	
23 " " . .	"	648	14,904	
26 " " . .	"	600	15,600	
12 " " . .	"	552	6,624	
11 " " . .	"	504	5,544	
330 Fourth " . .	"	744	245,520	
4 " " . .	"	696	2,784	
5 " " . .	"	660	3,300	
15 " " . .	"	648	9,720	
29 " " . .	"	600	17,400	
15 " " . .	"	552	8,280	
12 " " . .	"	504	6,048	
15 Temporary teachers, 100 days, . .			2,790	
20 Special Assistants, 150 " . .			3,000	
				679,998 00
Special Grade.				
Special teacher of Sciences, Roxbury and West Roxbury High			$948	
Special Teacher of Illustrative Drawing, Penmanship, etc. Normal			1,380	
Sewing, 28 Instructors, 190 Divisions . .			14,220	
				16,548 00
Carried forward				$1,060,122 00

Brought forward . . .		$1,060,122 00
5 French Instructors, High Schools .	$3,960	
2 German " " " .	945	
		4,905 00
Deaf-Mutes : —		
1 Principal	$1,800	
8 Assistants	6,500	
		8,300 00
Music : —		
Director	$3,000	
3 Instructors	7,920	
		10,920 00
Drawing : —		
Director		3,000 00
Licensed Minors : —		
2 Assistants		1,488 00
Chemistry, High Schools : —		
1 Instructor	$1,380	
1 Laboratory Assistant . . .	744	
		2,124 00
1 Physical Culture Instructor, Girls' High	$744	
1 Physical Culture Instructor, Girls' Latin (conditional) . . .	492	
		1,236 00
Evening Schools : —		
18 Principals, 110 Assistants, 21 weeks,		28,455 00
Evening Drawing Schools : —		
1 Master, 4 Head Assistants, 10 Assistants, 6 Curators, 66 evenings . .		6,996 00
Military Drill (conditional) : —		
Instructor	$1,500	
Armorer	504	
Amount now due	1,336	
		3,340 00
Total for Instructors . . .		$1,130,886 00

SALARIES OF OFFICERS.

Superintendent	$4,200 00
6 Supervisors, at $3,780	22,680 00
Secretary	2,000 00
Auditing Clerk	2,000 00
Assistants	2,400 00
Copyist	720 00
Messengers	1,400 00
16 Truant Officers	18,360 00
Total for Officers	$53,760 00

INCIDENTALS.

Text-Books Reference Books Exchange of Books	$60,000 00	
Annual Festival	2,000 00	
Globes, Maps, and Brackets	1,000 00	
Musical Expenses: — Instruments Repairs and Covers Charts and Stands	3,000 00	
Printing and stock used for same	8,000 00	
Philosophical, Chemical, and Mathematical Apparatus	5,000 00	
School Census	1,200 00	
Stationery, Drawing Materials, and Record Books	14,000 00	
Slates, Diplomas, Racks, Pencils, Erasers, etc.	5,000 00	
Advertising	500 00	
Military Drill, Arms, etc. (conditional)	500 00	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	62,000 00	
Salaries of Janitors	82,000 00	
Janitors' and other supplies	4,500 00	
Cost of work required for furnishing supplies, etc.	12,000 00	
Miscellaneous, including Sewing Materials, Teaming and Extra Labor, Horse and Carriage Expenses, Postage, Car and Ferry Tickets, receiving Coal and Sundry Items	5,000 00	
		$265,700 00

RECAPITULATION.

Salaries of Instructors . . .	$1,130,886 00	
Salaries of Officers	53,760 00	
Incidentals	265,700 00	
		$1,450,346 00

INCOME.

Non-residents, State and City . .	$10,000 00	
Trust Funds, and other sources . .	12,000 00	
Sale of Books and Supplies . .	30,000 00	
		$52,000 00

The Committee on Accounts respectfully request that the Auditor of Accounts may be authorized to transfer unexpended balances from any one item of the appropriation to any other item.

For the Committee on Accounts,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP, *Chairman.*

For the Committee on Supplies,
WILLIAM H. FINNEY, *Chairman.*

Mr. Bowditch moved that the report be amended by including the sum of three thousand dollars as a salary for a Special Instructor in Hygiene.

Lost.

The report was accepted, and the estimates approved.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, the matter of an inscription for the new English High School building, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Inscription for new English High School building.

Ordered, That the Joint Committee on High Schools and School-houses, in connection with the Superintendent, be authorized to decide upon an appropriate inscription for the English High School building.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following : —

Double windows for Lincoln School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide double windows for the north and west sides of the Lincoln School building, South Boston.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Improvements in Tuckerman School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide further accommodations for exit, especially in case of fire, by fire-escapes, by enlargement of the entries and by additions to the present Tuckerman School building, Gaston District.

Read and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Primary school-house in Lincoln District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to appropriate a sufficient sum of money to erect a building for a Primary School on land purchased for that purpose by the city, in the Lincoln District, South Boston.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the rules be suspended to admit of the passage of the order.

Lost.

The order was referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Fox, it was

Room for use of Neponset Evening School.

Ordered, That the room occupied by the pupils of the Neponset Evening School be opened for the use of said school until the first Friday in March, without expense to the city except for fuel and gas.

On motion of Mr. Rust, it was

Sect. 42, paragraph 3, Duties of Committee on Accounts; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be requested to inquire into the expediency of so amending paragraph 3, Sect. 42, of the Rules that it shall read as follows: —

"They shall, after conference with the Committee on Supplies, annually, before the fifteenth day of February, prepare and present an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year."

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish further Primary School accommodations in the Fifth Division.

Additional Primary accommodations in Fifth Division.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were recommitted certain proposed changes in the Rules and Regulations [pp. 236, 237, Minutes, 1880], reported that the following orders ought to pass:—

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That Sect. 87 be amended by substituting the word "Examinations" for "Nominations" in the sixth and twelfth lines.

Amendment to Section 87: special examination of instructors.

That Section 142 be amended so that the section shall read as follows:—

Amendment to Section 142: examination of teachers.

"Biennially, in the month of April, and whenever the Committee on Examinations," etc.

That Section 147 be amended by inserting after the word "grant" in the first line, the words "preliminary and final." In the fifth paragraph, relating to fourth grade, strike out the word "and," and insert after the word "Primary" the words "and Evening Elementary Schools." In the sixth paragraph, relating to special grade, strike out all after the words "Licensed Minors." In the last paragraph substitute "certificates" for "certificate" in the first line, and add the following to the paragraph:—

Amendment to Section 147: certificates of qualification.

"The preliminary certificate shall make the holder thereof eligible for service as a substitute, temporary teacher, or special assistant in Primary Schools, or for appointment on probation. After a teacher has been appointed on probation, it shall be the duty of two or more Supervisors to examine, from time to time, his work in the class-room. The results of the examinations during the year of probation shall be recorded in a book kept for the purpose. If these results are satisfactory, the Board of Supervisors shall grant him, at the close of his year of

probation, a final certificate of qualification. The Division Committee, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors, may, for satisfactory reasons, extend his time of probation.

Amendment to Section 88: confirmation of teachers.

That Section 88 be amended by substituting "twelve" for "three" in the sixth line. Insert, after the word "charge" in the sixth line, the words "after having examined the results of the Supervisors' examinations, as provided in Section 147."

Amendment to Section 149: list of eligible candidates as teachers.

That Section 149 be amended by adding the following to the section: "The Board of Supervisors shall revise, at least once a year, the list of certificated teachers who are available for service. It shall strike therefrom the names of those who, after a fair trial and careful investigation, are found to be incompetent teachers. For the use of the Board, and the committees thereof, a classification shall be made of those persons whose names remain on the list, according to their excellence and their probable fitness for certain positions."

Amendment to Section 160: monthly reports of principals.

That Section 160 be amended by inserting after the word "principals," in the fifth line from the end, the following: "In these reports the principals shall express their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such substitutes and temporary teachers as have been employed in the course of the month."

In the fifth line from the end substitute "The reports" for "These reports."

Section 344.

That Section 344 be stricken out, and the succeeding sections of the chapter numbered to conform to the change.

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

Special assignment: report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Ordered, That the consideration of the report be specially assigned for half-past eight o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board, and that the report of the committee be printed in full in the Minutes.

Mr. Flint asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on the Second Division.

Resignation of Charles L. Flint from Com. on Second Division.

The request was granted.

The Chair appointed Wm. H. Finney to fill the vacancy. Confirmed.

Appointment of Wm. H. Finney on Com. on Second Division.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Feb. 22, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, and Messrs. Flint, Fox, Swift, and Thayer.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Dearborn District. — Elizabeth R. Wallis, third assistant, April 1, 1881. Resignations of teachers.

Lyman District. — Harriett N. Webster, third assistant, March 7, 1881.

Prescott District. — George T. Littlefield, master, March 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Anna B. Carter, third assistant, Feb. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Lowell District. — Sarah E. Deane, from Jan. 31, 1881. Special assistant; Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Caroline D. Bere, fourth assistant, from Feb. 15, 1881. Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Ellen A. Brown, fourth assistant, from Jan. 11, 1881.

Harris District. — Ida F. Kendall, fourth assistant, from Jan. 26, 1881.

Harvard District. — Annie E. O'Connor, third assistant, from Dec. 6, 1880, and March 6, 1881.

Lawrence District. — George J. Tufts, second assistant, from Dec. 10, 1880.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Allston District. — Laura E. Viles, second assistant, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, second assistant, from Nov. 29, 1880.

Comins District. — Annie E. Clark, second assistant, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Dearborn District. — Anna M. Balch and Mary M. Sherwin, second assistants, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Alice G. Maguire, third assistant, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Wells District. — Maria W. Turner, second assistant, from Feb. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Mary L. Bright and Florence N. Sloane, fourth assistants.

Dearborn District. — Maria L. Mace, third assistant.

Dwight District. — Emma F. Gallagher, fourth assistant.

Everett District. — Frances W. Sawyer, fourth assistant.

Franklin District. — Kate R. Hale, fourth assistant.

Gaston District. — Florence Cahill, fourth assistant, and Juliette R. Hayward, first assistant.

Lawrence District. — Emma P. Hall, first assistant.

Lewis District. — Ellen M. Murphy, third assistant.

Sherwin District. — Emma T. Smith, third assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Joint Com. on Nominations and Second Division; Candidate for mastership of Prescott School.

Mr. Plummer, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and the Second Division, reported the unanimous nomination of Edwin T. Horne as a candidate for the vacant position of Master of the Prescott School, on the fifth year of service in that grade, to date from March 1, 1881.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to ballot for Master of the Prescott School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Cutter, Crowley, and Hobbs, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Election of Master of Prescott School.

Whole number of votes, 16; necessary for a choice, 13; Edwin T. Horne had 16 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as Master of the Prescott School on the fifth year of service in that grade, to date from March 1, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Frederick H. Ripley.

Ordered, That leave of absence until May 1, 1881, be granted to Frederick H. Ripley, second sub-master in the Eliot District.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Elizabeth L. West.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Elizabeth L. West, third assistant in the Phillips District.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the vote was reconsidered whereby the order granting one daily session in the Hillside School was passed to admit of the passage of the same under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

The order, as follows, was then passed under a suspension of the rules.

One daily session in Hillside School.

Ordered, That a single daily session, with two recesses of thirty minutes, aggregate length, be held in the Hillside School, from Feb. 14 to May 13, inclusive.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — a petition for one daily session in the No. Brighton Primary School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

One daily session in Auburn Primary School.

Ordered, That a single daily session, with three recesses, be held in the Auburn Primary School, Brighton, from Feb. 28 to May 1.

Rules suspended.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Com. on Seventh Division on petition for one daily session in Egleston-square Primary School.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — a petition for one daily session in the Egleston-square Primary School, reported that they consider it inexpedient to make any change in the sessions of that school at present, one of the principal reasons being that in a short time the school will be made the Grammar School of a new district.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Ordered, That Charles and Mary Lamb's Tales from Shakspeare be authorized for use in the West Roxbury High School.

Lamb's Tales authorized in West Roxbury High School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on School-houses be instructed to report changes in the boundary lines of the Quincy District.

Changes in boundary lines of Quincy District.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Harriet D. Hinckley, in consideration of four years' of valuable service as acting principal of the Prince School, be allowed the rank and salary of first assistant.

Salary of Harriet D. Hinckley.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That Alice H. Goodall be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Sherwin District.

Alice H. Goodall, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be granted further time in which to present their annual report.

Com. on Salaries granted further time.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be requested to embody in their report a schedule of the salaries paid to our teachers in the different grades, and the salaries paid to teachers in corresponding grades, as near as may be, in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, St. Louis, Chicago, and Cincinnati.

Schedule of salaries of teachers in Boston and other cities.

Committee to confer with City Council concerning appropriations.

Mr. Adams moved that a committee be appointed to confer with members of the City Council, with reference to additional appropriations for the present financial year.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the motion was indefinitely postponed, by a vote of 12 to 4.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — an order concerning the salary of Julia A. Stetson, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of Julia A. Stetson.

Ordered, That Julia A. Stetson, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in that grade, to date from Jan. 3, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order to inquire into the expediency of amending Sect. 42 of the Rules, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Amendment to Sect. 42; duties of Committee on Accounts.

Ordered, That the following be substituted for the third paragraph in Section 42 : —

"They shall, after conference with the Committee on Supplies, annually, before the fifteenth day of February, prepare and present to the Board an estimate of the expenses of the public schools for the next financial year. This estimate, after approval by the Board, shall be sent to the City Auditor."

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order was amended by inserting after the word "by," the words "a two-thirds yea and nay vote of."

The report was accepted, and the order, as amended, passed to a second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted certain proposed changes in the Rules and

Regulations [*See* pages 235, 236, 1880; page 9, 1881], reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Section 218 be amended as follows: — Insert after the words "in consultation with the supervisors in charge," the words "and under the provisions of Section 216."

Amendment to Sect. 218; second assistants in Primary Schools.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board proceeded to the consideration of the special assignment, viz., the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. [*See* Minutes, pp. 33, 34.]

Special assignment; Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the order by substituting the following amendments to Sections 147 and 88 for those proposed in the order: —

That Section 147 be amended as follows: In the fifth paragraph, relating to fourth grade, strike out the word "and" and insert after the word "Primary" the words "and Evening Elementary Schools." In the sixth paragraph, relating to special grade, strike out all after the words "Licensed Minors." Add the following to the section: "The Certificate shall make the holder thereof eligible for service as a substitute, temporary teacher, or special assistant in Primary Schools, or for appointment on probation."

Amendment to Sect. 147; grades of certificates.

Substitute the following for Section 88: —

SECT. 88. All regular instructors not elected by ballot shall be nominated to the Board on probation; and they shall be entitled to the established salary from the time of entering upon their duties, but they shall not be confirmed until after a satisfactory trial of one year. After a teacher has been appointed on probation, it shall be the duty of two or more supervisors to exam-

Amendment to Sect. 88; Nomination and confirmation of teachers.

ine, from time to time, his work in the class-room. The results of the examinations during the year of probation shall be recorded in a book kept for the purpose. The committee in charge, after having examined the results of the supervisors' examinations, in consultation with the principal, if the instructor be employed in a normal, high, or grammar school, or with the supervisors in charge, if in a primary school, shall recommend teachers on probation for confirmation, in the manner required for nomination on probation. The committee in charge, in consultation with the board of supervisors, may, for satisfactory reasons, extend the time of probation.

Mr. Hobbs' motion to substitute passed.

The order, as amended, passed to a second reading.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to General Sherwin and officers of Latin and English High School battalions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be, and the same are hereby tendered to, General Thomas Sherwin and the officers of the Latin and English High School battalions for their services at the dedication of the Latin and English High School-house.

Passed unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 8, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except Messrs. Blake and Flint.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following orders took a second reading: —

Second reading of orders.

Ordered, That Section 218 be amended as follows: —

Amendment to Section 218; second assistants in Primary Schools.

Insert after the words "in consultation with the supervisors in charge," the words "and under the provisions of Section 216."

Passed.

Ordered, That Sect. 87 be amended by substituting the word "Examinations" for "Nominations" in the sixth and twelfth lines.

Amendment to Section 87: special examination of instructors.

That Section 142 be amended so that the section shall read as follows: —

Amendment to Section 142: examination of teachers.

"Biennially, in the month of April, and whenever the Committee on Examinations," etc.

That Section 147 be amended as follows: In the fifth paragraph, relating to fourth grade, strike out the word "and" and insert after the word "Primary" the words "and Evening Elementary Schools." In the sixth paragraph, relating to special grade, strike out all after the words "Licensed Minors." Add the following to the section: "The certificate shall make the holder thereof eligible for service as a substitute,

Amendment to Section 147: grades of certificates.

temporary teacher, or special assistant in Primary Schools, or for appointment on probation."

Substitute the following for Section 88: —

Amendment to Section 88: nomination and confirmation of teachers.

SECT. 88. All regular instructors not elected by ballot shall be nominated to the Board on probation; and they shall be entitled to the established salary from the time of entering upon their duties, but they shall not be confirmed until after a satisfactory trial of one year. After a teacher has been appointed on probation it shall be the duty of two or more supervisors to examine, from time to time, his work in the class-room. The results of the examinations during the year of probation shall be recorded in a book kept for the purpose. The committee in charge, after having examined the results of the supervisors' examinations, in consultation with the principal, if the instructor be employed in a normal, high, or grammar school, or with the supervisors in charge, if in a primary school, shall recommend teachers on probation for confirmation, in the manner required for nomination on probation. The committee in charge, in consultation with the board of supervisors, may, for satisfactory reasons, extend the time of probation.

Amendment to Section 149: list of candidates eligible as teachers.

That Section 149 be amended by adding the following to the section: "The Board of Supervisors shall revise, at least once a year, the list of certificated teachers who are available for service. It shall strike therefrom the names of those who, after a fair trial and careful investigation, are found to be incompetent teachers. For the use of the Board, and the committees thereof, a classification shall be made of those persons whose names remain on the list, according to their excellence and their probable fitness for certain positions.

That Section 160 be amended by inserting after the word "principals," in the fifth line from the end, the following: "In these reports the principals shall express their opinion of the teaching and governing ability of such substitutes and temporary teachers as have been employed in the course of the month." Amendment to Section 160: monthly reports of principals.

In the fifth line from the end substitute "The reports" for "These reports."

That Section 344 be stricken out, and the succeeding sections of the chapter numbered to conform to the change. Section 344.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the desirability of so amending the rules as to provide for a term of probation of one year, and spoke in favor of the same. Opinion of Superintendent.

The order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bennett District. — Harriet M. Boit, third assistant, Feb. 14, 1881. Resignations of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Ada L. Cushman, third assistant, March 1, 1881.

Wells District. — Emma S. Beede, first assistant, March 4, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Bowdoin District. — Katie Haushalter, from Feb. 15, 1881. Special assistants, Primary School.

Hancock District. — Winella W. Stratton and Catherine H. Summers, from Feb. 28, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Eliot District. — Jennie I. Kendall, third assistant, from Dec. 27, 1880, to March 1, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Bennett District. — Kate L. Wilson, third assistant, fourth year, from Feb. 14, 1881.

Bowdoin District. — Eliza A. Freeman, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1881, and Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant, from March 1, 1881.

Harvard District. — Loea P. Howard, second assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Lyman District. — John O. Godfrey, third assistant, from March 7, 1881.

Quincy District. — Alfred Bunker, sub-master, from March 1, 1881.

Rice District. — Ella F. Wyman, second assistant, Primary Department, from Feb. 4, 1881.

Wells District. — Emeline E. Durgin, first assistant, from March 1, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teacher.

Girls' High School. — Samuel Thurber, junior master, ninth year.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Eliza A. Freeman, from the position of fourth assistant, Wells District, to that of second assistant, Primary Department, Bowdoin District, to take effect April 1, 1881.

Hattie A. Watson, from the position of first assist-

ant in the Andrew District, to that of second assistant in the Wells District, to take effect March 14, 1881.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be granted further time in which to present their annual report of instructors, recommended for reëlection.

Com. on Nominations granted further time.

Mr. Plummer, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and the Ninth Division, reported the unanimous nomination of N. Hosea Whittemore as a candidate for the vacant position of principal of the Harris School, with the rank of sub-master, to date from March 1, 1881.

Report of Joint Com. on Nominations and Ninth Division; candidate for principalship of Harris School.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, the Board proceeded to ballot for principal of the Harris School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Porter, Rust, and Chapin, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 23; necessary for a choice, 13; N. Hosea Whittemore had 23 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Harris School, with the rank of sub-master, to date from March 1, 1881.

Election of principal of Harris School.

The Chair read a report from the Board of Supervisors, on the referred order of Jan. 25, 1881, concerning a plan for giving diplomas to graduates of Grammar Schools.

Report of Board of Supervisors on awarding Grammar-School diplomas.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was ordered to be printed; and, on motion of Mr. Thayer, it was referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Communication from German-English School Society.

The Chair read a communication from the German-English School Society, inviting the members of the School Committee to attend a fair in aid of their school, to be held in their school-house, 14 Bennett street, from March 7 to 14, inclusive.

On motion of Mr. Fox, accepted and placed on file.

Communication from J. H. Wilson concerning stereopticon exhibitions in Grammar Schools.

The Chair read a communication from J. H. Wilson, praying for permission to give to the pupils of the Grammar Schools, in their respective buildings, stereopticon exhibitions on art, history, and travels.

On motion of Mr. Finney, referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Communication from Charles B. Fox concerning Decoration-Day exercises.

The Chair read a communication from Charles B. Fox, Commander of the Suffolk County Association of the Grand Army of the Republic, relative to a parade of the Boston School Regiment on Decoration Day, and the participation of pupils from the public schools in the musical exercises of the services at Tremont Temple on that day.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, so much of the communication as related to the School Regiment was referred to the Committee on High Schools; and so much as related to the choir of pupils was referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Petition concerning Evening High School.

Mr. Reed presented a petition, signed by Thomas Baker and 217 others, remonstrating against the discontinuance of the Evening High School, or certain branches of study therein, and praying that suitable accommodations be provided in the new High School Building for pupils attending the Evening High School in future.

On motion of Mr. Finney, referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Reed presented a remonstrance against the discontinuance of the Evening High School, signed by 210 pupils of the school.

Remonstrance against discontinuance of Evening High School.

Referred to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Reed presented a petition, signed by M. J. Savage and 505 others, parents of pupils attending the Everett School, praying for one daily session only in that school.

Petition for one daily session in Everett School.

On motion of Mr. Finney, referred to the Committee on the Fifth Division.

Mr. Moran presented a petition, signed by Horace T. Rockwell and 79 others, parents of pupils attending the Mount Pleasant-avenue Primary School, praying for one daily session only in that school.

Petition for one daily session in Mount Pleasant-avenue Primary School.

On motion of Mr. Moran, referred to the Committee on the Seventh Division.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the yard of the Eustis-street Primary School properly graded, and to have a fence erected in said yard between the parts used respectively by the boys and girls.

Repairs in yard of Eustis-street Primary School.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That a certificate of service of the second grade be granted to Josiah G. Dearborn, in consideration of former honorable service in the public schools of the city.

Certificate to Josiah G. Dearborn.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Nominations be authorized to recommend for reëlection in the Bigelow, Emerson, Frothingham, and Hancock Schools, and in

Extra teachers in Grammar and Primary Schools during present term.

the Bowditch Primaries, one teacher in each school in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations, in order not to disturb the schools as classified, for the present term.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Extra teachers in High Schools during present term.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to recommend for reëlection additional teachers in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations, in order not to disturb the classification for the present term, as follows: one in the Latin School, two in the English High School, and one in the Charlestown High School.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the order was amended by inserting after "reëlection" the words "until September next."

Rules suspended.

The order passed as amended, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Smith.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant in the Prescott District; and

Mary W. Smith, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary W. Smith be approved as her substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Second sub-master in Quincy School.

Ordered, That the present organization of the Quincy School be preserved by the appointment of a second sub-master.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Teachers' fund.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the order, as follows,

appended to the Report of the Committee on Teachers' Fund, was taken from the files of last year and passed: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts be authorized to issue a circular, inviting all masters and teachers to join a relief association for aged or infirm teachers, under such conditions as the said committee may see fit to embody in the said circular.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal and Rice Training Schools, offered the following: —

Additional windows in hall of Rice school-house.

Ordered, That one or more windows be opened in the southerly side of the hall of the Rice school-house for the purposes of light and ventilation.

Read and referred, with full powers, to the Committee on School-houses.

Orders relative to corporal punishment.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the orders relative to corporal punishment were taken from the files of last year and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Discontinuance of suburban High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to discontinue the Roxbury, West Roxbury, Brighton, and East Boston High Schools, to date from Sept. 1, 1881.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the order was specially assigned for consideration to eight o'clock of the first meeting of the Board in April.

Report of Com. on Seventh Division on petition for single session in Mt. Pleasant-ave. School.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, to whom was referred a petition for a single daily session in the Mount Pleasant-avenue Primary School, reported that they consider the adoption of the single session in that school inexpedient.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was referred

back to the Committee on the Seventh Division, with instructions to give a hearing on the matter.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order concerning additional Primary accommodations in the Fifth Division, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Additional Primary accommodations in Fifth Division.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide accommodations for two Primary classes in the vicinity of Harrison avenue and Brookline street.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred, from the files of last year, an order to report changes in the district lines of the Prince School, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Boundary lines of Prince District.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Prince District be amended to read as follows: —

"Beginning at the water opposite the centre of the foot of West Chester Park; thence by the water to the foot of Mount Vernon street; thence by both sides of Mount Vernon to Joy street; thence by the centre of Joy to Beacon street; thence by the centre of Beacon to Charles street; thence by Charles street to Park square; thence by the centre of Park square to Columbus avenue; thence by the centre of Columbus avenue to the Boston & Albany Railroad; thence by the railroad to West Chester Park; thence by the centre of West Chester Park to the point of beginning."

Ordered, That these lines be adopted, to take effect Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the boundary lines of school districts affected by the changes in the boundary lines of the Prince District be made to conform to those changes.

Changes in boundary lines affected by changes in Prince District.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the sixth year's salary of that grade, to date from March 1, 1881.

Salary of Lucy L. Burgess.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Fox offered the following: —

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of considering the question of the abolition of the outstanding High Schools, said committee to consist of such members of the Board as are also members of the several sub-committees of the divisions in which said High Schools are located.

Special committee to consider discontinuance of suburban High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the order was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the first meeting in April.

Special assignment.

Mr. Reed moved to rescind the vote whereby the consideration of the order concerning accommodations for the Evening High School was specially assigned to the last meeting in May.

Accommodations for Evening High School in new building.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 7.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Moran, the above vote was reconsidered.

The question being then upon the motion to rescind, Mr. Swift rose to a point of order, that, as under the rules a motion to reconsider the vote would not be in order at the present time, a motion to rescind the vote would not be in order.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

Mr. Hobbs moved that certain rooms in the new High-School building be appropriated for the use of the Evening High School, and that the subject be specially assigned for consideration at the first meeting in April.

Mr. Swift rose to a point of order, that, as this motion was in substance the same as the one previously offered, it was not in order.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

Mr. Reed moved a suspension of the rules, that the subject might be considered at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Rules suspended.

The motion to suspend the rules passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: The Mayor, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Finney, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Moran, Plummer, Reed, Thayer. — 13.

Nays: Messrs. Cutter, Hyde, Rust, Swift. — 4.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the vote was reconsidered whereby the order concerning accommodations for the Evening High Schools was specially assigned for consideration to the last meeting in May.

Special assignment.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order, as follows, was specially assigned for consideration to 9 o'clock of the first meeting of the Board in April: —

Accommodations for Evening High School in new High-School building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the proper arrangements to be made for lighting a sufficient number of rooms in the new High-School building, to meet the requirements of the Evening High School.

Report, Committee on Salaries: salary of Harriet D. Hinckley.

Mr. Plummer for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Feb. 22 — an order that Harriet D. Hinckley, in consideration of four years of valuable

service as acting principal of the Prince School, be allowed the rank and salary of first assistant, reported, that as the order asks for the change in rank of a teacher, which does not come within the province of this committee, the order should be referred to the proper committee, or otherwise acted upon by the Board.

Accepted, and, on motion of Mr. Plummer, the order was referred to the Committee on the Fourth Division.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 22, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Bowditch, Flint, Gallagher, and Swift.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Gibson District. — Nellie G. Sanford, fourth assistant, April 1, 1881. Resignation of teachers.

Harvard District. — Mary P. Howland, third assistant, April 1, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Black, third assistant, from Jan. 4, 1881. Temporary teachers.

Wells District. — Charlotte N. Lothrop, second assistant, from March 1 to March 14, 1881.

Winthrop District. — Elizabeth A. Withey, third assistant, from Jan. 19 to Feb. 2, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Andrew District. — Martha J. Bryant, third assistant, from April 1, 1881. Nomination of teachers.

Bunker Hill District. — Mary E. Minter, third assistant, fifth year.

Everett District. — Emily F. Marshall, second assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Lucy M. Cole, fourth assistant, sixty days from April 1, 1881.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following re-nominations to date from April 1, 1881: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Re-nomination of special assistants, Primary Schools.

Adams District, Mary E. Symonds; *Andrew*, Sarah E. Welch; *Bowdoin*, Katie Haushalter; *Brimmer*, Mary S. Hosmer; *Chapman*, Fidelia D. Merrick; *Comins*, Agnes L. Dodge, and Elizabeth Kiggen; *Dearborn*, Emma L. Merrill; *Hancock*, Mary E. Collins, Winella W. Stratton, Catherine H. Summers; *Lawrence*, Laura S. Russell; *Lincoln*, Hannah L. McGlinchey; *Lowell*, Sarah E. Deane, Amoritta E. Esilman, and Fannie E. Winchell; *Lyman*, Martha L. Frame; *Mather*, Grace A. Vose; *Phillips*, Florida Y. Ruffin; *Quincy*, Henrietta Nichols; *Stoughton*, Carrie M. Watson; *Wells*, Mary E. Corbett, and Mary J. Leahy.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Re-nomination of teachers.

Girls' High. — Julia A. Stetson, fourth assistant, fifth year.

Allston District. — Marion Keith, third assistant, and Laura E. Viles, second assistant.

Bennett District. — Kate L. Wilson, third assistant, fourth year.

Bowdoin District. — Eliza A. Freeman, second assistant, Primary department, and Mary E. Pitcher, third assistant.

Brimmer District. — Ella L. Burbank, second assistant, Mary A. Carney, third assistant, and William H. Martin, second sub-master.

Bunker Hill District. — Annie B. Hunter, fourth assistant.

Comins District. — Annie E. Clark, second assistant, Primary department, and Lucy E. Shove, third assistant.

Dearborn District. — Anna M. Balch and Mary M. Sherwin, second assistants, Primary department.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie L. Newcomb, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Fidelia A. Adams and Caroline A. Shephard, third assistants, and Mary B. Winchell, fourth assistant.

Hancock District. — Mary G. Ruxton, fourth assistant.

Harvard District. — Loea P. Howard, second assistant, and Lucy A. Wilson, third assistant.

Hillside District. — Nellie F. Pingree, third assistant.

Lowell District. — Ellen C. McDermott, fourth assistant.

Lyman District. — Ida E. Halliday and John O. Godfrey, third assistants.

Phillips District. — Maria L. Barney, third assistant.

Prescott District. — Catherine M. Porter, fourth assistant.

Quincy District. — Alfred Bunker, sub-master.

Rice District. — Ella F. Wyman, second assistant, Primary department.

Sherwin District. — Alice G. Maguire, third assistant, and Minnie A. Perry, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Annie D. Clough, fourth assistant, Emeline E. Durgin, first assistant, and Maria W. Turner, second assistant, Primary department.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Change in date of resignation of Emma S. Beede.

Ordered, That the proceedings of the School Board March 8, 1881, be amended so that the resignation of Emma S. Beede, first assistant, Wells District, shall date from March 1, 1881.

Reports of Committee on Nominations: re-election of subordinate instructors.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the subordinate instructors of the several High, Grammar, and Primary Schools [Doc. No. 2]. The report was accepted and the subordinate instructors reëlected for the terms specified.

Reëlection of principals.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report nominating for reëlection the principals of the several High and Grammar Schools.

Accepted.

The Board proceeded to the election of principals.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Rust, and Crowley, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13.

Normal School	Larkin Dunton,	Head Master	had 16
Rice Training School	Lucius A. Wheelock,	Master	" 16
Public Latin "	Moses Merrill,	Head Master	" 16
Girls' " "	John Tetlow,	Master	" 16

English High School	Francis A. Waterhouse,	Head Master	had 16
Girls' " "	Homer B. Sprague,	" "	" 13
East Boston High "	John O. Norris,	Master	" 16
Roxbury " "	S. M. Weston,	Head Master	" 16
Dorchester " "	Elbridge Smith,	Master	" 16
Charlestown " "	Caleb Emery,	"	" 16
W. Roxbury " "	George C. Mann,	"	" 16
Brighton " "	Benjamin Wormelle,	"	" 16

FIRST DIVISION.

Adams School	Frank F. Preble,	Master	had 16
Chapman "	George R. Marble,	"	" 13
Emerson "	James F. Blackinton,	"	" 16
Lyman "	Hosea H. Lincoln,	"	" 15

SECOND DIVISION.

Bunker Hill School	Samuel J. Bullock,	Master	had 16
Frothingham "	Caleb Murdock,	"	" 15
Harvard "	Warren E. Eaton,	"	" 16
Prescott "	Edwin T. Horne,	"	" 16
Warren "	George Swan,	"	" 16

THIRD DIVISION.

Bowdoin School	Daniel C. Brown,	Master	had 16
Eliot "	Samuel Harrington,	"	" 16
Hancock "	James W. Webster,	"	" 12
Phillips "	Samuel Swan,	"	" 16
Wells "	Robert C. Metcalf,	"	" 16

FOURTH DIVISION.

Bowditch School	George W. Neal,	Master	had 16
Brimmer "	Quincy E. Dickerman,	"	" 16
Prince "	E. Bentley Young,	Sub-Master	" 16
Quincy "	E. Frank Wood,	Master	" 16
Winthrop "	Robert Swan,	"	" 16

FIFTH DIVISION.

Dwight School	James A. Page,	Master	had 16
Everett "	Alfred Hewins,	"	" 16
Franklin "	Granville B. Putnam,	"	" 16
Sherwin "	Silas C. Stone,	"	" 14

SIXTH DIVISION.

Andrew School	Leander Waterman,	Master	had 16
Bigelow "	Thomas H. Barnes,	"	" 16
Gaston "	C. Goodwin Clark,	"	" 16
Lawrence "	Amos M. Leonard,	"	" 16
Lincoln "	Alonzo G. Ham,	"	" 16
Norcross "	Josiah A. Stearns,	"	" 16
Shurtleff "	Henry C. Hardon,	"	" 16

SEVENTH DIVISION.

Comins School	Charles W. Hill,	Master	had 16
Dearborn "	William H. Long,	"	" 16
Dillaway "	Sarah J. Baker,	"	" 16
Dudley "	Leverett M. Chase,	"	" 16
Lewis "	William L. P. Boardman,	"	" 16
Lowell "	Daniel W. Jones,	"	" 16

EIGHTH DIVISION.

Allston School	G. W. M. Hall,	Master	had 16
Bennett "	E. H. Hammond,	"	" 15
Central "	John T. Gibson,	"	" 16
Charles Sumner School	Artemas Wiswall,	Sub-Master	" 14
Hillside School	Albert F. Ring,	Master	" 16
Mount Vernon School	Abner J. Nutter,	Sec'd Sub-Master	" 16

NINTH DIVISION.

Dorc'ster-Everett School	Henry B. Miner,	Master	had 16
Gibson School	William E. Endicott,	Sub-Master	" 15
Harris "	N. Hosea Whittemore,	"	" 16
Mather "	Edward Southworth,	Master	" 16
Minot "	Joseph T. Ward, Jr.,	Sub-Master	" 16
Stoughton "	Edward M. Lancaster,	"	" 16
Tileston "	Hiram M. George,	First Assistant	" 16

Principals reëlected.

The principals, as reported, were accordingly declared reëlected for the terms specified, with the exception of James W. Webster of the Hancock School.

Ballot for principal of Hancock School.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the Board proceeded to a second ballot for the principal of the Hancock School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the doors were closed.

Mr. Moran moved that the subject of the election of the principal of the Hancock School be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes 20. Necessary for a choice, 13.

Election of principal of Hancock School.

James W. Webster had 16, and was accordingly declared reëlected as principal of the Hancock School for the ensuing school year.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the doors were opened.

Petition concerning Sarah Ashenden.

The Chair read a petition, signed by W. H. Bowdlear and 102 others, residents of Roslindale, praying that Sarah Ashenden be retained as fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner School.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the petition was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Communication from James Freeman Clarke.

The Chair read a communication from James Freeman Clarke, asking for the gift of second-hand books for the use of colored pupils in schools in Beaufort, S. C., which are supported by Massachusetts donations.

Referred, with full powers, to the Committee on Supplies.

Reëlection of teachers in Horace Mann School.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year the following-named instructors in that school: —

Sarah Fuller, principal.

Annie E. Bond, first assistant.

Ella C. Jordan, Kate D. Williams, Mary F. Bigelow, Sarah A. Jordan, Mary N. Williams, Manella G. White, Rebecca Morrison, assistants.

Accepted, and the subordinate instructors were reelected.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board proceeded to ballot for the principal of the Horace Mann School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Rust, and Crowley a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 13.

Reëlection of principal of Horace Mann School.

Sarah Fuller had 20, and was accordingly declared reëlected as principal of the Horace Mann School for the ensuing school year.

Reëlection of instructors in in Schools for Licensed Minors.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on Schools for Licensed Minors, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year the following-named instructors in those schools: —

Sarah A. Brackett, No. Margin-street School.

M. Persis Taylor, East-street-place School.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

Death of Augusta A. Davis.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, reported the death of Augusta A. Davis, late fourth assistant in the Dwight District.

Placed on file.

Mr. Reed, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Persis E. King.

Ordered, That Persis E. King, third assistant in the Everett District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service as a second assistant.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant Officers, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Truant Officers be granted further time in which to present the nominations of truant officers; and that the present officers be continued in service until otherwise ordered.

Committee on Truant Officers granted further time. Present officers continued.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, reported for reëlection for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors in sewing: —

Reëlection of sewing-teachers.

Eliza A. Baxter, Catherine L. Bigelow, Elizabeth A. Boyd, Annie E. Brazer, Eliza M. Cleary, Frances C. Close, Susan Consens, Isabella Cumming, Kate Doherty, Anna J. Goodwin, Sarah E. Hamlin, Catherine G. Hosmer, Lizzie Kenna, Nellie I. Lincoln, Delia Mansfield, Catherine C. Nelson, Mary E. Patterson, J. Zella Ridgway, M. Elizabeth Robbins, Martha A. Sargent, Malvina L. Sears, Julia A. Skilton, Sarah A. Stall, Frances E. Stevens, Lizzie A. Thomas, Emma A. Waterhouse, Mary A. Willis, Maria L. Young.

Accepted, and the instructors reëlected.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until May 1, 1881, be granted to Clara A. Newell, third assistant in the Eliot District.

Leave of absence to Clara A. Newell.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Hattie A. Watson, second assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade, to date from March 14, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service as a first assistant.

Salary of Hattie A. Watson.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Com. on Drawing and Music on participation of pupils in Decoration Day exercises.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred — March 8 — a petition from the Suffolk County Association of the Grand Army of the Republic, praying that pupils from the public schools be allowed to participate in the musical exercises of the services in Tremont Temple, on Decoration Day, reported recommending that the request be granted, with the understanding that all contingent expenses are to be borne by the petitioners.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Drawing and Music on communication from L. Prang & Co.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — a communication, from L. Prang & Co., relative to drawing-books, submitted a report on the subject.

Mr. Moran moved that the report be accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fox moved that the report be laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the question was divided.

The report was accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Reconsideration: petition concerning Sarah Ashenden.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the vote was reconsidered, whereby the petition concerning Sarah Ashenden was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the petition was referred to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Edition of dedicatory exercises of Latin and English High School building.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the dedicatory exercises of the Latin and English High School building be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Edition of Superintendent's report.

Ordered, That two thousand additional copies of the Superintendent's Report be printed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until September 1, 1881, be granted to Ophelia S. Newell, fourth assistant in the Lawrence District. Leave of absence to Ophelia S. Newell.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish the Atherton school-house, so that every room may be occupied September 1, 1881. Furnishing of Atherton school-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Porter, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to move the partition between the rooms in the second story on the west side of the Stoughton school-house, so as to better accommodate the school. Alteration in Stoughton school-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred from the files of last year the orders relative to corporal punishment, reported as follows: — Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations on orders relative to corporal punishment.

"The Special Committee on Corporal Punishment submitted certain orders, appended to their majority report, proposing amendments to the Rules. In accordance with Sect. 41 of the Rules the orders should have been referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations and reported upon by that committee; or the rules of the Board should have been suspended to allow the passage of the orders. As neither of these courses was taken, the action of the Board in passing one of the orders was void. Your committee are of the opinion that the orders now referred to them should take the course of all proposed amendments to the Rules, and be read twice before final action by the Board.

The committee present the orders as amended by the Board, for their first reading : —

Ordered, That Sect. 164 of the Regulations be repealed.

Ordered, That the following be substituted for Sect. 185 : —

Sect. 185. Corporal punishment of any description or for any offence shall be inflicted only by the principal of a school, or by his express authority, and only at a session of the school subsequent to the one at which the offence was committed. The offence for which the punishment is inflicted shall be distinctly stated to the pupil, and it shall be the duty of the principal to keep a record of every such punishment, stating the name of the pupil, the offence committed, the evidence of such offence as ascertained by each principal by personal investigation, the nature and extent of such punishment, and its effect, real or apparent, on the subsequent behavior of the pupil punished ; and said principal shall forward a transcript of such record monthly on or before the third day of each month, to the Secretary of the School Committee, who shall keep the same for the inspection of the members and officers of the School Board. Any principal neglecting to keep such record, or to forward the transcript thereof as above required, or who may be guilty of inflicting any cruel or excessive punishment, and any teacher, other than the principal, who shall inflict any corporal punishment without express authority in each case from the principal, shall, on proof of such delinquency or improper punishment, be removed by the Board. Corporal punishment shall not be inflicted on any pupil in the High Schools or on girls in the Grammar Schools."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the passage of the orders to a second reading, on motion of Mr. Fox, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed, by a vote of 13 to 5.

Report of Com. on Eighth Division on petition concerning Sarah Ashenden.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, to whom was referred a petition praying that Sarah Ashenden be retained as a fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner School, submitted a report, which, on motion of Mr. Crowley, was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Written evidence concerning hearing to L. Prang & Co.

Ordered, That the Chairman of the Committee on Drawing and Music be requested to deposit with the Secretary the written evidence in his possession, submitted to the committee at the late hearing given Messrs. Prang & Co., for examination by members of this Board.

Report of Com. on Salaries on salary of Lucy L. Burgess.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 8 — an order that Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon the sixth year's salary of that grade, reported that, as favorable action in the case of Miss Burgess would establish a precedent for all teachers who are similarly circumstanced, the committee are of the opinion that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Majority and minority reports of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, submitted in print a report on the salaries of instructors for the ensuing school year, signed by Messrs. Plummer, Chapin, Cutter, and Crowley; and a minority report, signed by Geo. A. Thayer.

Accepted.

Mr. Reed moved, that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Friday, March 25, at 7.30, P.M.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 11.

Adjournment.

Mr. Fleming moved, that when the Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, March 29, at 7.30, P.M.

Passed.

Special assignment: Reports of Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the consideration of the Reports of the Committee on Salaries was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Com. on Examinations on petition of J. H. Wilson.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Wilson, for leave to give an exhibition of stereoscopic views in the Grammar Schools, reported that it is inexpedient to grant the petition.

Accepted.

Reëlection of special instructors in Music.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the following-named instructors: —

Julius Eichberg, *Director of Music.*

Joseph B. Sharland, Hosea E. Holt, J. M. Mason, *Special Instructors in Music.*

Accepted, and the special instructors reëlected.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Music.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fleming, Perkins, and Blake as the committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15; necessary for a choice, 13.

Reëlection of Director of Music.

Blank, 1; Walter Smith, 1. Julius Eichberg had 13, and was accordingly declared reëlected as Director of Music for the ensuing school year.

Nomination of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, reported for reëlection, for the ensuing school year, the name of Walter Smith as Director of Drawing.

Mr. Cutter moved that the election be specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

Mr. Reed moved to reconsider the vote to proceed to ballot.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 8.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 14; necessary for a choice, 13.

Blank, 5; James W. Fox, 1; John G. Blake, 2; Walter Smith, 6.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Perkins, the election of a Director of Drawing was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment: election of Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report of the committee on the Eighth Division concerning Sarah Ashenden was taken from the table.

Report of Com. on Eighth Division concerning Sarah Ashenden.

No objection being made, Mr. Winship withdrew the report.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the resignation of Sarah Ashenden, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, to take effect April 1, 1881.

Report of Com. on Nominations: resignation of Sarah Ashenden.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,

Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, March 29, 1881.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Finney, Hyde, Swift, and Thayer.

In the absence of the President and Vice-President the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Blake, Mr. Charles L. Flint was chosen President *pro tem.* President *pro tem.*

Mr. Rust rose to a point of order that the President *pro tem.* should be elected by ballot under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the rules were suspended to admit of the choice of President *pro tem.* by a *viva voce* vote. Rules suspended.

Mr. Flint was then chosen President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Lewis District. — Maria L. Burrell, fourth assistant, April 1, 1881. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

Mr. Hobbs, having filed a notice wtth the Secretary, in accordance with the rules, moved that the vote be reconsidered whereby the matter of corporal punishment was indefinitely postponed. Reconsideration; indefinite postponement of matter of corporal punishment.

Passed, by a vote of 9 to 7.

Mr. Moran moved that the report and orders be recommitted to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Bowditch moved that the orders take a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Bowditch's motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Crowley, Fleming, Moran, Perkins, Porter. — 8.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Plummer, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, Winship. — 12.

The question then being upon the passage of Mr. Moran's motion, the yeas and nays were ordered, and the motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Crowley, Fleming, Flint, Moran, Perkins, Porter, Rust. — 10.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Plummer, Reed, Spaulding, Winship. — 10.

Mr. Adams moved that the subject be specially assigned for consideration to the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Fox moved that the subject be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Rust moved that the subject be laid on the table.

Mr. Gallagher rose to a point of order, that, as the Board had refused to give the orders a second reading, there was no question before the Board.

The Chair decided the point well taken.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the special assignment was taken up, viz., the election of a Director of Drawing.

Special assignment; election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Perkins read a communication from Walter Smith, relative to his position in regard to the subject of drawing-books.

Communication from Walter Smith.

Placed on file.

Mr. Perkins moved that the doors be closed.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 8.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Board, by a vote of 7 to 6, proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

Ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Bowditch, Reed, and Crowley, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13.

Charles H. Reed, James A. Fleming, Nahum Chapin, and James W. Fox, had 1 each; Henry Hitchings, 2; blank, 6; Walter Smith, 7.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

Second ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed the same committee, who reported the whole number of votes, 17; necessary for a choice, 13.

Henry Hitchings, John G. Blake, and James A. Fleming had 1 each; Charles H. Reed, 2; blank, 5; Walter Smith, 7.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Perkins, the subject of the election of a Director of Drawing was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board; and the Committee on Drawing

Special assignment; election of Director of Drawing. Com. on Drawing and Music

to report candidates for Director of Drawing.

and Music were instructed to report candidates for the position.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, April 5, at 7.30, P.M.

Special assignment postponed; reports of Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the consideration of the special assignment, viz., the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Salaries, was postponed to 7.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board, April 5.

Remonstrance against transfer of Eliza A. Freeman.

Mr. Perkins presented a remonstrance against the transfer of Eliza A. Freeman, signed by F. T. Comee and 60 others, parents of children attending the Poplar-street Primary School.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Maria L. Barney.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Maria L. Barney, third assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Petition for reinstatement of Lydia A. Isbell.

Mr. Fleming presented a petition, signed by Lucius Slade and 23 others, residents of Wards 8 and 9, praying for the reinstatement of Lydia A. Isbell as fourth assistant in the Blossom-street Primary School.

Referred to the Committee on the Third Division.

Petitions concerning salaries of teachers.

The Chair presented a petition from citizens and tax-payers of Boston praying that no reduction be made in the present salaries of teachers. Messrs. Gallagher and Spaulding presented similar petitions, signed, in total, by about 1,000 petitioners, including the most prominent business firms of Boston.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at half-past 9 o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 5, 1881.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Hyde, and Swift.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the special assignment, viz.: the majority and minority reports of the Committee on Salaries.

Special assignment, reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Thayer moved that the following be substituted for the orders in the majority report:—

Ordered, That the schedule of salaries of instructors for the school year 1881–82 be the same as the schedule of salaries of instructors for the school year 1880–81, except in the respects of the minimum salaries of junior-masters of the first grade; and of fourth assistants of the fourth grade; and the maximum salaries of second-first assistants of the fourth grade; and principals and assistants of evening elementary schools: — and that the subject of salaries be referred back to the Committee on Salaries, with instructions to report a new schedule embodying the recommendations of the majority in the cases above excepted.

Mr. Gallagher moved to amend Mr. Thayer's order so that the salaries of instructors in the first, second,

third, and fourth grades be according to the schedule of 1880–81.

Special assignment postponed; election of Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the special assignment, viz., the election of a Director of Drawing, was postponed to 9:15 o'clock.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Gallagher, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Gallagher's motion was lost by a vote of 7 to 14.

The question being on the substitution of Mr. Thayer's order for the orders in the majority report, on motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to substitute passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas:—Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Finney, Fleming, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Perkins, Porter, Rust, Spaulding, Thayer, Winship. — 16.

Nays: — Messrs. Chapin, Cutter, Plummer.— 3.

Mr. Thayer's order passed.

Special assignment; election of Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, viz., the election of a Director of Drawing, was taken up.

Mr. Perkins moved that the doors be closed.

Mr. Fox moved that the motion be indefinitely postponed.

Lost.

Mr. Perkins' motion passed.

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; candidate for Director of Drawing.

Mr. Perkins submitted a report from the Committee on Drawing and Music, nominating Walter Smith as a candidate for the position of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Cutter presented a minority report, signed by

Messrs. Cutter and Spaulding, nominating Henry Hitchings as a candidate for the position.

Minority report of Committee on Drawing and Music; candidate for Director of Drawing.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing.

First ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Perkins, Chapin, and Fox, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 13. Henry Hitchings had 3; blank, 7; Walter Smith had 10.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Perkins, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

Second ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed the same committee, who reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13. Henry Hitchings had 3; blank, 6; Walter Smith had 10.

There being no choice, Mr. Thayer moved that the subject of the election of a Director of Drawing be specially assigned to 9 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost by a vote of 5 to 8.

Mr. Bowditch moved that the Board proceed to another ballot.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the rules be suspended to allow him to present an order.

The rules were suspended.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Gallagher offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to provide a lunch for the members and officers of the Board of School Committee.

Lunch for members and officers of School Board.

Lost.

Mr. Fox moved to substitute the following for Mr. Bowditch's motion: —

Reinstatement of Prang's drawing books.

Ordered, That the drawing-books issued by L. Prang & Co., in 1880, be submitted to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with instruction to make such changes as said committee may suggest, and the same be reinstated in the schools, provided that the price of said books shall be satisfactory to the Committee on Supplies.

Mr. Fox's motion to substitute was lost by a vote of 8 to 9.

Third ballot for Director of Drawing.

Mr. Bowditch's motion to ballot passed.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes, who reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 13. Henry Hitchings had 4; blank, 7; Walter Smith had 9.

There being no choice, Mr. Gallagher moved that the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Election of Director of Drawing recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the subject of the election of a Director of Drawing was recommitted to the Committee on Drawing and Music, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Petition for hearing on removal of Lydia A. Isbell.

The Chair read a petition signed by Thomas Gaffield, C. A. Bartol, and 31 others, praying that a hearing be given them before the whole Board of School Committee concerning the removal of Lydia A. Isbell, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the petition was referred to the Committee on the Third Division, and six additional members of the School Board.

Special committee on petition for hearing.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Hobbs and Reed, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Gallagher, Thayer, and Chapin, to serve as the above committee.

On motion of Mr. Reed, it was

Recommendations in Superintendent's report.

Ordered, That the recommendations contained in the Superintendent's report be referred to the Com-

mittee on Rules and Regulations, to report at the next meeting such changes in the rules as will embody those recommendations that they approve.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence for one year, from Sept. 5th, be granted to Grenville C. Emery, second sub-master in the Lawrence district. Leave of absence to Grenville C. Emery.

Mr. Crowley offered the following: —

Ordered, That Frank M. Weis be paid the sum of $36, for services as a temporary second sub-master in the Quincy District for eight days, from March 10 to March 22, 1881. Compensation to Frank M. Weis.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committe on the Normal School, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, from April 12th to the end of the term, be granted to Martha E. Pritchard, first assistant in the Rice district. Leave of absence to Martha E. Pritchard.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 12, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, and Mr. Swift.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Winthrop District. — Della G. Robinson, from April 1, 1881. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Black, third assistant, from April 4, 1881. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bennett District. — Charlotte Adams, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1881. Nomination of teachers.

Comins District. — Alicia F. McDonald, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881, and Fannie D. Lane, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1881.

Dudley District. — Helen C. Mills, third assistant, fourth year, from April 1, 1881.

Dwight District. — Caroline A. Farrell, fourth assistant, from March 14, 1881.

Hancock District. — Teresa M. Gargan, second assistant, Primary Department, from March 21, 1881.

Harvard District. — Annie E. O'Connor, third assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Geo. J. Tufts, second assistant, from March 10, 1881.

Quincy District. — William R. Morse, second submaster, from March 22, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Comins District. — Lucy E. Shove, third assistant.

Phillips District. — Maria L. Barney, third assistant.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Isabel Thacher, fourth assistant, Comins District, to the position of fourth assistant in the Lewis District, from April 11, 1881.

Ella M. Seaverns, fourth assistant, Winthrop District, to the position of fourth assistant in the Comins District, from April 1, 1881.

Mary W. Woods, fourth assistant, Comins District, to the position of fourth assistant in the Winthrop District, from April 1, 1881.

Accepted.

Appointment of Committee on Annual School Festival.

The Chair announced the appointment, by the President, of the following committee to make arrangements for and take charge of the Annual School Festival: —

Messrs. Moran, Blake, Miss Peabody, Messrs. Hobbs and Reed.

Report of Com. on Fourth Division.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, to whom was referred — March 8 — an

order concerning the rank and salary of Harriet D. Hinckley, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Harriet D. Hinckley, in consideration of four years of valuable service as acting principal of the Prince School, be allowed the rank and salary of first assistant, to date from April 1, 1881. Rank and salary of Harriet D. Hinckley.

Accepted, and the order passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Annie M. Mitchell, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year of service in that grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1881. Salary of Annie M. Mitchell.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That on account of previous acceptable service, Ella L. Burbank, second assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881. Salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, presented a recommendation for the reëlection, to Sept. 1, 1881, of Mary Murphy, third assistant in the Quincy District, a teacher in excess of the number allowed by the regulations, in order not to disturb the present classification of the school. Nomination of Mary Murphy for reëlection.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order concerning the salary of Hattie A. Watson, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Report of Com. on Salaries.

Salary of Hattie A. Watson.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service as a first assistant, Hattie A. Watson, second assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade, to date from March 14, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 29 — an order concerning the salary of Maria L. Barney, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Maria L. Barney.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Maria L. Barney, third assistant in the Phillips District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 5 — an order that Frank M. Weis be paid for services as temporary second sub-master in the Quincy District, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Compensation to Frank M. Weis.

Ordered, That Frank M. Weis be paid the sum of $36 for services as temporary second sub-master in the Quincy District, for eight days, from March 10 to March 22, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Schedule of salaries for 1881–82.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, in conformity to the order of April 5, presented a report embodying a schedule of salaries of instructors for the school year 1881–82, and containing proposed changes in specified salaries recommitted to said committee.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the report was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That additional accommodations be made for the Horace Mann School.

Additional accommodations for Horace Mann School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Perkins, for the special committee, to whom was referred — April 5 — the petition signed by Thomas Gaffield and others relative to the removal of Lydia A. Isbell, reported that, after giving a hearing to the petitioners, and considering the subject, they recommend the nomination on probation of Lydia A. Isbell as fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, term of service to begin April 1, 1881, and asked that the rules be suspended in order that the nomination might be acted upon.

Report of Special Committee on reinstatement of Lydia A. Isbell.

The Chair stated that it would require 18 votes to suspend the rules, as there were 23 members present.

The motion to suspend the rules was lost, 12 members voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Blake moved that the report be laid on the table.

Mr. Perkins moved that the entire subject be referred to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chapin moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Chapin's motion passed, by a vote of 12 to 9.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the special assignment was taken up, viz., the order of the Committee on High Schools, as follows: —

Special assignment; discontinuance of outlying High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to discontinue the Roxbury, West Roxbury, Brighton, and East Boston High Schools, to date from Sept. 1, 1881.

And the order of Mr. Fox, as follows: —

Special committee to consider abolition of outlying High Schools.

Ordered, That a special committee be appointed by the Chair for the purpose of considering the question of the abolition of the outlying High Schools; said committee to consist of such members of the Board as are also members of the several sub-committees of the divisions in which said High Schools are located.

The first question being upon the order of Mr. Fox, on motion of Mr. Fox, the order was amended by substituting the word "five" for the word "such."

The order passed as amended, by a vote of 12 to 7.

Special committee appointed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Bowditch, Winship, Plummer, Moran, and Crowley, to serve as the above committee.

Special assignment: accommodations for Evening High School.

Mr. Reed called for the special assignment, viz.: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the proper arrangements to be made for lighting a sufficient number of rooms in the new High School building to meet the requirements of the Evening High School.

Mr. Flint moved that the special assignment be postponed to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered on the question of postponement.

Mr. Rust rose to a point of order, that, as the order was specially assigned to the first meeting in April, it was out of order to consider it at this meeting.

The Chair ruled that it was understood that subjects were specially assigned to regular meetings only, unless otherwise specified.

Special assignment postponed.

Mr. Flint's motion to postpone passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Cutter, Finney, Flint, Hyde, Perkins, Plummer, Rust, Spaulding, Thayer, Winship. — 15. Yeas and nays.

Nays: — Messrs. Crowley, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Moran, Reed. — 7.

Mr. Moran asked to be excused from serving on the special committee appointed to consider the abolition of outlying High Schools. Change in special committee on abolition of outlying High Schools.

The request was granted, and the Chair appointed Mr. Hobbs to serve in Mr. Moran's place.

Mr. Bowditch presented a remonstrance, signed by Geo. A. O. Ernst and 171 others, citizens of Ward 23, against the abolition of the West Roxbury High School. Remonstrance against abolition of West Roxbury High School.

Referred to the special committee on the subject.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be instructed to request Messrs. Prang and Co. to remove all guide-points from the new series of text-books, and make them acceptable to the committee, in accordance with their expressed readiness to meet the wishes of the Board. Alterations in new series of drawing-books.

Mr. Reed moved that the order be specially assigned for consideration to the first meeting in May.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the order was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board. Special assignment; alterations in new series of drawing-books.

The Board proceeded to the consideration of the special assignment, viz., the election of a Director of Drawing. Special assignment: election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Blake, for a minority of the Committee on Drawing and Music, presented the name of Walter Smith as a candidate. Walter Smith presented as a candidate.

Arthur Cumming presented as a candidate.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, presented the name of Arthur Cumming as a candidate.

The Board proceeded to ballot for a Director of Drawing. The Chair appointed Messrs. Bowditch, Blake, and Hobbs as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

First ballot for Director of Drawing.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 2; Nahum Chapin had 1; Arthur Cumming, 6; Walter Smith, 7.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Blake, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

Second ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed the same committee, who reported the whole number of votes to be 16; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 2; Henry Hitchings had 2; Walter Smith, 5, Arthur Cumming, 7.

Mr. Blake withdrew the name of Walter Smith. There being no choice, Mr. Blake moved that the Board proceed to a third ballot.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

The motion to proceed to a third ballot passed.

Third ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed the same committee, who reported the whole number of votes to be 18; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 2; Henry Hitchings had 8; Arthur Cumming, 8.

There being no choice, on motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board proceeded to a fourth ballot.

Fourth ballot for Director of Drawing.

The Chair appointed the same committee, who reported the whole number of votes to be 17; necessary for a choice, 13. Blank, 1; Charles H. Reed had 1; Arthur Cumming, 5; Henry Hitchings, 10.

Mr. Rust moved that the subject be specially assigned to 7.45 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment; election of Director of Drawing.

Mr. Thayer moved to amend the motion by substituting "9 o'clock" for 7.45 o'clock.

Passed.

The motion to specially assign passed.

The Chair presented a report from the Board of Supervisors — on the referred order of Dec. 28, 1880 — on the subject of supplementary reading.

Report of Board of Supervisors on supplementary reading.

On motion of Mr. Adams, the report was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Text-Books.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That expenditures for Evening Schools of all grades be limited to the sum of $15,000 per annum.

Limitation of expenditures for Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order was laid on the table.

Mr. Plummer presented a remonstrance, signed by Messrs. Morton, Leighton, and Smith, a committee on High Schools of the Citizens' Trade Association of East Boston, against the discontinuance of the East Boston High School.

Remonstrance against discontinuance of East Boston High School.

Referred to the special committee on the subject.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salaries of all instructors now in the service of the city be continued through the month of April on the basis of last year's salaries, any change in the same to be adjusted thereafter.

Salaries of instructors unchanged through April.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, April 26, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read the following communication from the City Council: — Communication from City Council.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, April 4, 1881.

The Committee on Public Instruction, to whom was referred the portion of the report of the Committee on Auditor's Estimates relating to Schools and School-houses, having considered the subject, would respectfully report in favor of appropriating the amounts named in that report. In the opinion of your committee the amounts designated on page 10 of said printed report (City Doc. 43), as items for school instructors, school expenses, School Committee, and salaries of officers, School Committee, and amounting in all to one million four hundred and fifteen thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars ($1,415,760), make a liberal sum for the purposes of maintaining the schools during the coming fiscal year, and an amount as large as ought in prudence to be apportioned out of the city funds to be raised by taxation for school purposes, amongst all the other purposes for which provision is required to be made; and that the School Committee ought to be able, and in the expectation of this committee will be able, to administer the schools so as to bring the expenses within that amount, without impairing the general efficiency and high standing of our schools among the schools of this country. If a further appropriation is sought before the expiration of the next financial year, the committee would strongly suggest to the consideration of

the next City Council the propriety of keeping the several public schools open only the time prescribed by law, or for such additional time as the appropriation now made may be sufficient for. The committee are unanimous in this report, and would respectfully recommend the passage of the following order.

For the Committee,

CHARLES E. PRATT.

Ordered, That a copy of this report be transmitted to the School Committee, and also that a copy be referred to the next City Council.

Passed in Common Council. Came up for concurrence. Read, and this Board concurred therein.

A true copy. Attest:

S. F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants: Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — Ella E. Morrill, from March 22, 1881, and Jeannette A. Thompson, from March 16, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Sarah E. Welch, fourth assistant, from April 15, 1881.

Bigelow District. — Emily F. Hodsdon, fourth assistant, from April 18, 1881.

Brimmer District. — Mary S. Hosmer, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Bunker Hill District. — Mary D. Richardson, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1881.

Central District. — Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant, from March 16, 1881.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Addie J. Callender, fourth assistant, from April 19, 1881.

Gaston District. — Mary B. Barry, fourth assistant, from April 13, 1881.

Harris District. — Ida F. Kendall, fourth assistant, from April 26, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Lena J. Crosby, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1881.

Shurtleff District. — Sarah E. Ferry, fourth assistant, from April 12, 1881.

Stoughton District. — Helen F. Burgess, fourth assistant, from April 3, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — C. Eliza Wason, second assistant, Primary Department, from May 1, 1881.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Caroline D. Bere, fourth assistant, from April 15, 1881.

Eliot District. — Juliaette Davis, second assistant, Primary Department, from May 1, 1881.

Everett District. — Eliza C. Gould, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1881.

Franklin District. — Harriet M. Faxon and Josephine G. Whipple, second assistants, Primary Department, from April 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Anna G. Fillebrown, second assistant, Primary Department, from April 1, 1881.

Accepted.

Renomination of Julia A. Stetson.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the renomination, on probation, in the Girls' High School, of Julia A. Stetson, fourth assistant, sixth year, to correct the nomination as reported March 22.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations on re-

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 12, a recommendation from the Committee on the Fourth Division, for the reëlection

election of Mary Murphy.

of Mary Murphy as third assistant in the Quincy District, being a teacher in excess of the number allowed by the Regulations, reported, that, under the requirements of the Rules, this committee has no authority to recommend favorable action in the matter.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the report was recommitted, with instructions to give a hearing on the subject.

Report of Committee on Nominations on nomination of Lydia A. Isbell.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 12, the report of the special committee recommending the nomination, on probation, of Lydia A. Isbell, as fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District, reported that, as no vacancy exists at present in that district, the committee have no authority to recommend the nomination.

Accepted.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Transfer of Eliza A. Freeman, and reinstatement of Lydia A. Isbell.

Ordered, That Eliza A. Freeman be transferred from the Blossom-street to the Poplar-street School, and Lydia A. Isbell be reinstated as fourth assistant in the Blossom-street School, term of service to begin April 1, 1881.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the Rules.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Leave of absence to Louise M. Thurston.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Louise M. Thurston, third assistant in the West Roxbury High School; and

Frank W. Whitney substitute.

Ordered, That Frank W. Whitney be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the West Roxbury High School.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Appointment of teachers of calisthenics.

Ordered, That Mary A. Currier, in the Girls' Latin School, and Ellen M. Dyer, in the Girls' High School, be appointed teachers of calisthenics.

The Chair stated that, in compliance with the statute recently enacted, it will require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, to elect instructors in calisthenics and military drill.

The order passed unanimously by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Finney, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, Thayer, and Winship. — 23.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Appointment of instructor in military drill and of armorer.

Ordered, That Hobart Moore be appointed instructor in military drill, and that A. Dakin be appointed armorer.

Passed unanimously by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Finney, Fleming, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Perkins, Plummer, Porter, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, Thayer, and Winship. — 24.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Payment of salaries of instructor in military drill and armorer.

Ordered, That there be paid to Hobart Moore, who has been employed as teacher of military drill, the sum of $1,108.33; to A. Dakin, who has been employed as armorer, the sum of $372.40; being the amounts due said Moore and Dakin, from Aug. 1, 1880, to April 26, 1881, together with such other expenses as may have been incurred during that time in the teaching of military drill.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment. Accommodations for Evening High School.

Mr. Reed called for the special assignment, viz., accommodations for the Evening High School.

Special assignment postponed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment was postponed to 8.15 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, it was

Supplementary reading from the Public Library.

Ordered, That the recommendations contained in the last report of the Superintendent touching the supply of supplementary reading matter by the Public Library, be referred to the Committee on Text-books, with instructions to confer with the Trustees of the Public Library, and report to this Board.

Special assignment. Accommodations for Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the special assignment, as follows, was considered.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the proper arrangements to be made for lighting a sufficient number of rooms in the new High School building to meet the requirements of the Evening High School.

Mr. Flint offered the following as a substitute: —

Ordered, That the Evening High School be discontinued.

Special assignment postponed; alteration of drawing-books.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, the special assignment, viz., the alteration of drawing-books, was postponed for consideration to 8.30 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Moran offered the following as an amendment to Mr. Flint's order to discontinue the Evening High School: —

Discontinuance of Evening Drawing Schools proposed.

Ordered, That in the judgment of the Board, no appropriation should be made for the support of Evening Drawing Schools.

Lost.

Mr. Reed presented a petition, signed by John B. Babcock, Jordan, Marsh, & Co., and forty-five others, praying for a continuance of the Evening High School. Petition for continuance of Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Blake, further consideration of the subject was postponed to 9.30 o'clock. Special assignment postponed.

Mr. Blake moved that the Board proceed to the election of a Director of Drawing. Election of Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Blake's motion passed by the following vote: —

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Finney, Fleming, Flint, Fox, Perkins, Porter, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, Thayer, and Winship. — 18. Yeas and nays.

Nays: — Messrs. Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, and Reed. — 6.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Rust, Crowley, and Hobbs, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing, presented the name of Henry Hitchings as a candidate. Candidates for Director of Drawing.

Mr. Thayer presented the name of Walter Smith.

The Board proceeded to ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 20; necessary for a choice, 13; blank, 5; Henry Hitchings had 5; Walter Smith, 10. First ballot for Director of Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the special assignment to 9.30 o'clock, was further postponed to 9.45 o'clock. Special assignment postponed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 13; Blank, 6; Henry Hitchings had 7; Walter Smith, 8. Second ballot for Director of Drawing.

Special assignment postponed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the special assignment to 9.45 o'clock was further postponed to 10 o'clock.

Mr. Swift in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to a third ballot.

Third ballot for Director of Drawing.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 22; necessary for a choice, 13; Blank, 6; Walter Smith had 6; Henry Hitchings, 10.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the Board proceeded to a fourth ballot.

Fourth ballot for Director of Drawing.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 21; necessary for a choice, 13; Blank, 5; Walter Smith had 2; Henry Hitchings had 14, and was accordingly declared elected as the Director of Drawing.

The Vice-President in the chair.

Mr. Chapin offered the following: —

Repaving of Mason street, in front of Committee building.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause Mason street, in front of the School Committee building, to be repaved, so as to avoid the nuisance arising from the noise from the present pavement.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the order was amended by inserting after the word "repaved," the words, "with asphalt."

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was further amended, by adding, "or concrete asphalt block pavement."

The order passed as amended.

Petition for primary accommodations near Bird-street station.

The Chair presented a petition signed by John J. Hayes and 117 others, residents in the vicinity of the Bird-street Station, praying for primary accommodations in that locality.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Petition for primary accommodations near Howard avenue.

The Chair presented a petition signed by N. T. Apollonio and 55 others, residents of Ward 21,

praying for primary accommodations in the vicinity of Howard avenue.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the vote by which the order was passed for the payment of certain sums to the instructor in military drill and the armorer, was reconsidered to admit of a yea and nay vote.

Reconsideration: order for payment of salaries of instructors in military drill and armorer.

The order was passed unanimously by the following vote: —

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Finney, Fleming, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, Thayer and Winship. — 20.

Yeas and nays.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Fannie D. Lane, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the second year of service in that grade, to date from April 11, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service.

Salary of Fannie D. Lane.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the special assignment was taken up.

Consideration of special assignment.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Substitution of order for discontinuance of Evening High School.

The Chair stated that the question was on the substitution for Mr. Reed's order, of the order for the discontinuance of the Evening High School, offered by Mr. Flint.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Flint's order was substituted by the following vote: —

Yeas: — Messrs. Adams, Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, and Winship. — 13.

Yeas and nays.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, and Reed. — 6.

The question was put upon the passage of Mr. Flint's order.

The order passed by a vote of 13 to 6.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Money deposit from evening-school pupils.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments to the Regulations of the Evening Schools, requiring a money deposit from pupils registered in said schools; the amount deposited to be refunded at the end of the school year, if the attendance and progress of said pupils shall have been satisfactory to the Supervisors in charge.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the order by substituting the Committee on "Evening Schools" for the Committee on "Rules and Regulations."

Passed.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the order, by substituting the word "consider" for the word "report."

Passed.

The order passed as amended.

Mr. Fleming, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Compensation to Cleone G. Tewksbury.

Ordered, That the sum of ten dollars and thirty-three cents be paid to Cleone G. Tewksbury, for services as fourth assistant in the Eliot District from March 1 to March 6, 1881.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Alfred Bunker.

Ordered, That on account of previous acceptable service, Alfred Bunker, sub-master in the Quincy

District, be placed upon the sixth year's service of his grade, to date from March 1, 1881.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, from May 1 to Sept 1, 1881, be granted to Emma F. Burrill, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District.

Leave of absence to Emma F. Burrill.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following report: —

Report of Committee on Accounts: estimates and appropriations for 1881–82.

Last February, the Committee on Accounts, in conference with the Committee on Supplies, presented an estimate of the expenses of the schools for the ensuing year. The estimates, as presented, after being approved by the Board, were sent to the City Auditor.

The amounts asked for were as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors	$1,130,886
School Expenses	265,700
Salaries of Officers	53,760
	$1,450,346

The amounts appropriated by the City Council are as follows: —

Salaries of Instructors .	$1,116,000	
School Expenses . . .	246,000	
Salaries of Officers . .	53,760	
		1,415,760
Showing a reduction of . .		$34,586

Divided as follows: —

From Salaries of Instructors . .	$14,886
From School Expenses . . .	19,700
Total reduction	$34,586

Accepted, and placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Master's office in Bunker Hill School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide an office for the use of the master in the Bunker Hill School-house.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Abby C. Lewis.

Ordered, That leave of absence until June 1, 1881, be granted to Abby C. Lewis, second assistant in the Warren District.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Abby D. Beal.

Ordered, That leave of absence until September 1, 1881, be granted to Abby D. Beal, fourth assistant in the Chapman District, and

Nellie B. Tucker, substitute.

Ordered, That Nellie B. Tucker be approved as a substitute for Miss Beal.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal and Rice Training Schools, it was

Leave of absence to Ella C. Hutchins.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until July 1, 1881, be granted to Ella C. Hutchins, third assistant in the Rice District.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Annie L. Jenkins.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Annie L. Jenkins, third assistant in the Mather District, and

Mary B. Corr, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary B. Corr be approved as a substitute for Miss Jenkins.

Reports of Committee on Salaries: salary of Ella L. Burbank.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred, April 12, an order that, on account of previous acceptable service, Ella L. Burbank, second assistant in the Brimmer District, be

placed upon the sixth year's service of that grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Annie M. Mitchell.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, April 12, an order that, on account of previous acceptable service, Annie M. Mitchell, third assistant in the Brimmer District, be placed upon the fifth year's service of that grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Salary of Persis E. King.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, March 22, an order that Persis E. King, third assistant in the Everett District, be placed upon the sixth year's service in that grade, on account of previous acceptable service, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at five minutes before eleven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 10, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Fox and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATION.

Bigelow District. — Claudine E. Cherrington, third assistant, May 1, 1881. Resignation of a teacher.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Dearborn District. — Sarah S. Burrell, from April 26, 1881. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Hancock District. — May L. Gooch, from April 13, 1881.

Lewis District. — Jennie E. Hintz, from May, 9, 1881, and Elizabeth W. Pond, from April 25, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Charles Sumner District. — Mary E. Parsons, fourth assistant, from May 5, 1881. Temporary teachers.

Gibson District. — Josephine L. Goddard, third assistant, from April 11, 1881.

Mather District. — Grace A. Vose, fourth assistant, from April 16, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Andrew District. — Mary S. Beebe, first assistant, from March 14, 1881; Lizzie A. Chandler, third assistant, from March 14, 1881; Esther F. Nichols, second assistant, from March 14, 1881; Frank M. Weis, first assistant, from March 22, 1881.

Charles Sumner District. — Cora I. Bates, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Gibson District. — Ellen A. Brown, fourth assistant, from April 11, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Annie L. Newcomb, fourth assistant.

Gibson District. — Mary B. Winchell, fourth assistant.

Wells District. — Annie D. Clough, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted — April 26 — a report on the referred order of April 12, concerning the nomination of Mary Murphy, reported, that after giving a hearing on the subject to the Committee on the Fourth Division, they recommend the following nomination for reëlection: —

Reëlection of Mary Murphy.

Quincy District. — Mary Murphy, third assistant, from April 1 to Sept. 1, 1881.

The report was accepted, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The Chair read a petition, signed by the Rev. E. E. Hale, Wendell Phillips, John Boyle O'Reilly, Abby W. May, and others, praying that the evening High School be continued. Petition for continuance of Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, by a vote of 8 to 7, the petition was referred to a special committee, consisting of the Committee on High Schools and the Committee on Evening Schools, with instructions to give the petitioners a hearing.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the rules were suspended, and the vote of March 22 was reconsidered, whereby the report of the Committee on Nominations, nominating Lucy M. Cole as fourth assistant, on probation. in the Lawrence District, was accepted. Reconsideration; nomination of Lucy M. Cole.

Mr. Thayer presented the following nomination for reëlection: —

Lawrence District. — Lucy M. Cole, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881. Reëlection of Lucy M. Cole.

Accepted, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to construct an office for the master, in the Adams schoolhouse, and to make some necessary repairs in the building. Master's office and repairs in Adams schoolhouse.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Schoolhouses.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was Leave of absence to Mary M. T. Foley.

Ordered, That leave of absence, to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Mary M. T. Foley, second assistant in the Bowditch District; and

Alice O'Neil, substitute.

Ordered, That Alice O'Neil be approved as a substitute for Miss Foley.

Report of Com. on Examinations on awarding Grammar-School diplomas.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — March 8 — the report of the Board of Supervisors, concerning a plan for giving diplomas to the graduating pupils of Grammar Schools, reported, recommending that the provisions submitted by the Board of Supervisors be adopted as follows: —

1. That the Committee on Examinations award Grammar-School Diplomas to all regular members of the graduating class whose scholarship is at least passable, and whose conduct has been good.

2. That the Grammar-School diplomas entitle to admission to the High Schools, but that those pupils whose scholarship is only passable be admitted on probation, — the probation to end on or before February 1, only such of these pupils being retained as, in the opinion of the principal, approved by the Board of Supervisors, are able to pursue the course of study with advantage to themselves and without detriment to the school.

3. That the Secretary of the School Board, under the direction of the Committee on Examinations, send to each principal of a Grammar School the names of such of his pupils as are to be admitted to the High Schools unconditionally and on probation, and also that he send to the several principals of the High Schools the lists of those that are entitled to an unconditional admission to the High Schools, and to an admission on probation.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Minority report of Committee on abolition of surburban High Schools.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of abolishing the suburban

High Schools, submitted a minority report, signed by Henry P. Bowditch and F. Lyman Winship, stating that the committee had given two public hearings, at which a considerable number of citizens appeared to remonstrate against the proposed plan, and that no one appeared to advocate it; that a minority of the committee, although agreeing with the majority of the committee, that it was inexpedient to abolish some of the suburban High Schools, was in favor of abolishing the Roxbury High School, because that school was but a mile distant from the Central High Schools, and many of the parents of the Roxbury children desired to send them to the Central Schools; that numerous applications are annually made for permission to send children to the Central Schools; that the Dillaway School needs additional accommodations, which would be gained by the use of the present High-School building in Roxbury, thus avoiding the necessity of a new building in that district.

The report concluded by recommending the passage of the first of the following orders, and the reference to the Committee on School-houses of the second order: —

1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to discontinue the Roxbury High School, to date from Sept. 1, 1881.

2. *Ordered*, That the West Roxbury High School District be enlarged by the addition of the Lowell District and of the territory in the neighborhood of Egleston square, and that the pupils residing in this added territory may have the privilege of attending the West Roxbury High or the Central Schools, as they may prefer.

Majority Report of Committee on abolition of suburban High Schools.

Mr. Hobbs, for a majority of the committee, reported that it was inexpedient to abolish any of the suburban High Schools.

Petitions for continuance of Roxbury High School.

Mr. Hobbs presented petitions, signed by Samuel Little, Moody Merrill, and 730 others, praying for a continuance of the Roxbury High School.

Placed on file.

Mr. Crowley moved that both reports be laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Passed, by a vote of 11 to 9.

Mr. Blake gave notice that he should offer the following at the next meeting of the Board, as a substitute for the reports of the special committee on abolition of local High Schools.

Order to discontinue suburban High Schools.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee on High Schools recommending the discontinuance of the Roxbury, West Roxbury, Brighton, and East Boston High Schools, be substituted for the reports of the Special Committee.

Special assignment; abolition of suburban High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the subject was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Special assignment recommitted; alteration of drawing-books.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the order concerning the alteration of drawing-books, which was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of this meeting, was recommitted to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Fleming, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Rank of Eliza A. Freeman.

Ordered, That the rank of Eliza A. Freeman, in the Wells District, be that of fourth assistant, from May 1, 1881.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That continued leave of absence until July 1, 1881, be granted to Frederick H. Ripley, second sub-master in the Eliot School. Leave of absence to Frederick H. Ripley.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Eliot-School Hall be allowed for a meeting of graduates to form an alumni association, on Wednesday evening, May 25, 1881. Use of Hall of Eliot school-house.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Cora L. Etheridge, fourth assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District; and Leave of absence to Cora L. Etheridge.

Ordered, That Mary E. Morse be approved as a substitute for Miss Etheridge. Mary E. Morse, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until July 1, 1881, be granted to Emma F. Chesley, third assistant in the Bennett District. Leave of absence to Emma F. Chesley.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-three dollars be paid to Eliza F. Russell, first assistant in the Lyman District, and thirty dollars each to Amelia H. Pitman and Mary A. Turner, second assistants in the same district, being amounts claimed by them for a difference in rank and salary lost by reduced numbers from May 1, 1880, to Oct. 1, 1880. Compensation to Misses Russel, Pitman, and Turner.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal and Rice Training Schools, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to place windows in the southerly side of the hall of the Windows in hall of Rice School-house.

Rice school-house, and that the same be done during the coming summer vacation.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Amendments proposed; Section 147, certificates of qualification.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of amending the Regulations as follows: —

SECTION 147, paragraph 2. After the word "To," in the first line, insert "head-masters."

After the words "High Schools," in the second line, insert "and of the Normal School."

Paragraph 4. After the word "Schools," in the second line, insert "and of the Normal School."

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom were referred — April 5 — the recommendations contained in the Superintendent's report, presented a report, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Amendments proposed: regulations of Primary Schools, Section 209.

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 209. Strike out, in the fifth line, the words, "three members of;" strike out, in the sixth line, the words, "to be designated by the Superintendent." Add the following to the section: "The Superintendent shall divide the city into districts, and assign the care of the Primary Schools of each district to a member of the Board of Supervisors. Changes in the districts, or in the assignment of districts, to members of the Board of Supervisors, shall be made by the Superintendent whenever he shall deem it necessary."

Section 210.

SECT. 210. Strike out, in the first line, the words, "in charge of Primary Schools;" in the third line, after the word "teachers," insert "of Primary Schools."

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency of adding to Section 187 of the Regulations the following: —

Amendment proposed, service of substitutes; Section 187.

"A substitute shall, on the same day on which his service in any school begins, send by mail, to the Secretary of the School Committee, notice of the fact, and shall send a similar notice on the day on which his service ends; and the principals of schools, and the Supervisors in charge of Primary Schools, shall cause this requirement to be brought to the attention of every substitute employed in their respective schools."

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations, on changes in rank and salary of teachers.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order to consider whether changes in the rank and salary of teachers, in consequence of changes in the number of pupils belonging to the several schools, may be prevented, submitted a report, which, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, was laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following; —

Amendments proposed; Sects. 253 and 254, High School diplomas.

Ordered, That so much of Sects. 253 and 254 of the Regulations as provides for a diploma at the end of two years in the High Schools be suspended for the present year; and that in schools where there is a course of two years only, a certificate be substituted entitling the holder to admission to the central schools without examination.

Opinion of Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the Superintendent was asked to give his opinion on the order.

The Superintendent expressed the opinion that it is desirable to modify the present regulations in the manner proposed.

The order to suspend the rules was lost.

Reports of Com. on Salaries; salary of Fannie D. Lane.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order that Fannie D. Lane, fourth assistant in the Comins District, be placed upon the second year of service in that grade, to date from April 11, 1881, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order relative to the salary of Cleone G. Tewksbury, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Compensation to Cleone G. Tewksbury.

Ordered, That the sum of ten dollars and thirty-three cents be paid to Cleone G. Tewksbury for services as fourth assistant in the Eliot District, from March 1 to March 6, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order concerning the salary of Alfred Bunker, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Salary of Alfred Bunker.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Alfred Bunker, sub-master in the Quincy District, be placed upon the sixth year's service of his grade, to date from March 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the report of the Committee on Salaries [Doc. 6] was taken from the table and accepted.

The orders appended were considered as follows: —

1. *Ordered*, That the salaries of instructors in the public schools for the year 1881–82 be the same as for the year 1880–81, with the following exceptions: —

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the second and third orders, as follows, were considered together: —

2. *Ordered*, That the salary of a Junior Master (first grade) be for the first year $1,008, with an annual increase of $144, till the maximum salary of $2,880 is reached, when the rank of master is attained.

Passed.

3. *Ordered*, That all Junior Masters now in the service of the city be credited with three additional years of service in their grade; and that the salary of no junior master, now in the service, shall be reduced, but continued at the rates now paid, until his years of service, with credits allowed, shall entitle him to an increase.

Passed.

The fourth and fifth orders, as follows, were considered together: —

4. *Ordered*, That the salary of a second-first assistant (fourth grade) be for the first year $828, with an annual increase of $36, till the maximum salary of $1,008 is reached.

5. *Ordered*, That all second-first assistants now in the service of the city be credited with two additional years of service.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the following be added to the fifth order: —

"The salary of no second-first assistant, now acting in that capacity in the service of the city, shall be reduced, but shall be continued at the rate now paid, until her years of service, with credits allowed, entitle her to an increase."

Mr. Rust moved to amend the fourth order, by substituting $900 for $828 and $1,080 for $1,008.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the orders were indefinitely postponed.

The sixth and seventh orders were considered together: —

6. *Ordered*, That the salary of a third and fourth assistant (fourth grade) be for the first year $456, with an annual increase of $48, till the maximum salary of $744 is reached.

7. *Ordered*, That all third and fourth assistants (fourth grade), now in the service of the city, be credited with one additional year of service; and that no third or fourth assistant, now in the service, shall be reduced, but continued at the rates now paid, until her years of service, with credits allowed, shall entitle her to an increase.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the seventh order was amended, by inserting the words "the salary of," after the word "that," in the third line.

Mr. Moran moved that the orders be indefinitely postponed.

Lost.

The orders passed as amended.

The eighth order was then considered, as follows: —

8. *Ordered*, That the salary of the principal of the Evening High School be $40 per week; and the salaries of the assistants in that school be $20 per week.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order was laid on the table.

The ninth order was then considered, as follows: —

9. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the assistants in the Evening Elementary Schools be $6.25 per week.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was laid on the table, by a vote of 9 to 8.

The tenth order was then considered, as follows: —

10. *Ordered*, That the Rules and Regulations be amended so as to conform to the provisions contained in the foregoing orders.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, it was

Exhibition of drawings from Evening Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Drawing and Music be allowed to exhibit a selection of drawings, made in the evening schools during the past winter, at the rooms of the Art Club, towards the end of May.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Nellie A. Hoar.

Ordered, That leave of absence until July 1, 1881, be granted to Nellie A. Hoar, fourth assistant in the Bennett District.

Report of Com. on Examinations.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, submitted the following statement of the Board of Supervisors, concerning the results of the biennial examinations of candidates for teachers, held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of April.

Results of examinations of candidates for teacher's certificates.

OFFICE OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
MASON ST., BOSTON, May 9, 1881.

To the Committee on Examinations: —

The Board of Supervisors has directed its Committee on Certificates to communicate to you the following statistics of the teachers' examinations, held April 4, 5, and 6, ult: —

	Whole number of candidates.	No. who withdrew from the examination.	No. whose cases were postponed.	No. who received certificates.	No. who were refused certificates.
Grade I.	19	0	0	16	3
Grade II.	12	0	0	10	2
First-Grade Candidates receiving second-grade certificates.	..	..	..	2	..
Grade III.	18	0	0	14	4
Grade IV.	47	2	2	30	13
Third-Grade Candidates receiving fourth-grade certificates.	..	..	..	1	..
Total	96	2	2	73	19

Very respectfully,

ELLIS PETERSON,
For the Committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board adjourned at fifteen minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest: PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, May 24, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams, Fox, Gallagher, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Lowell District. — Kate W. Sparhawk, from May 3, 1881. Special assistants: Primary Schools.

Norcross District. — Kate E. Fitzgerald, from May 17, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Bigelow District. — Maria E. Wood, third assistant, from May 2, 1881. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bowditch District. — Amelia E. N. Treadwell, second assistant, Primary Department, from May 1, 1881. Nomination of teachers.

Winthrop District. — Mary B. Browne, second assistant, Primary Department, from May 1, 1881,

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of teachers.

Brimmer District. — William H. Martin, second sub-master.

Lowell District. — Ellen C. McDermott, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order concerning the rank of Eliza A. Freeman, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Rank of Eliza A. Freeman.

Ordered, That the rank of Eliza A. Freeman, in the Wells District, be that of a fourth assistant, from May 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Second reading of orders: regulations of Primary Schools. Section 209.

The following orders took a second reading: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

SECT. 209. Strike out, in the fifth line, the words, "three members of;" strike out, in the sixth line, the words, "to be designated by the Superintendent." Add the following to the section: "The Superintendent shall divide the city into districts, and assign the care of the Primary Schools of each district to a member of the Board of Supervisors. Changes in the districts, or in the assignment of districts, to members of the Board of Supervisors, shall be made by the Superintendent whenever he shall deem it necessary."

Section 210.

SECT. 210. Strike out, in the first line, the words, "in charge of Primary Schools;" in the third line, after the word "teachers," insert "of Primary Schools."

Passed.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, submitted, in print, the annual report of that committee, which was specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board, and the committee was granted further time in which to report on Supplementary Reading and Drawing Books.

Annual Report of Committee on Text-Books; special assignment.

Further time for report on Supplementary Reading and Drawing Books.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, to whom were referred — Jan. 25 — communications from Supervisors Mason, Kneeland, and Parker, and two teachers of primary classes, concerning Mrs. Foote's "Multiplication Game," reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Com. on Text-Books on Multiplication Game.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding $100, in the purchase of sets of the Multiplication Game, for use in the Primary Schools.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the opinion of Supervisor Kneeland was given, that as the game had no great educational value, and was of no particular use at this time in the Primary Schools, in his opinion the money could be more wisely expended.

Opinion of Supervisor Kneeland.

Mr. Hobbs read a communication from His Honor the Mayor on the subject.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor.

Mr. Hobbs moved to amend the order by substituting $500 for $100.

Lost.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the order by substituting $300 for $100.

Lost.

The order was lost, by a vote of 8 to 9.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Helen O. Wyman.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Helen O. Wyman, fourth assistant in the Lowell District; and

Anna J. Bradley, substitute.

Ordered, That Anna J. Bradley be approved as a substitute for Miss Wyman.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ada L. McKean.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Ada L. McKean, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District; and

Nellie H. Crowell, substitute.

Ordered, That Nellie H. Crowell be approved as a substitute for Miss McKean.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Additional Primary accommodations, Lowell District.

Ordered, That additional accommodations be provided for Primary School pupils in the Lowell District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to H. Amelia Smith.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to H. Amelia Smith, third assistant in the Lewis District; and

Martha C. Gerry, substitute.

Ordered, That Martha C. Gerry be approved as a substitute for Miss Smith.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Mary J. Backup.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Mary J. Backup, fourth assistant in the Comins District; and

Dora M. Leonard, substitute.

Ordered, That Dora M. Leonard be approved as a substitute for Miss Backup.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Ellen H. Holt, fourth assistant in the Lowell District; and

Leave of absence to Ellen H. Holt.

Ordered, That Irene Fisher be approved as a substitute for Mrs. Holt.

Irene Fisher, substitute.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, to whom was recommitted—March 8th—the matter of a single daily session in the Mount Pleasant-avenue Primary School, reported, that having given a hearing upon, and fully considered the subject, they deem the establishment of the single session in said school to be inexpedient.

Report of Com. on Seventh Division: sessions of Mt. Pleasant-avenue Primary School.

Accepted.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to make an appropriation for certain necessary internal repairs in the Lincoln School-house.

Repairs in Lincoln School-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Bowditch offered the following: —

Ordered, That Emily M. Porter, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be reëlected, with the rank of second assistant from April 1, 1881, under a suspension of the rules.

Rank of Emily M. Porter.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, it was

Ordered, That the use of the Hall in the Charlestown High School-house be granted to the Bunker Hill Monument Association on June 17, 1881, for the purpose of holding its annual meeting.

Use of hall in Charlestown High School-house.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Abby C. Lewis, second assistant in the Warren District.

Leave of absence to Abby C. Lewis.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Effie G. Hazen.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Effie G. Hazen, fourth assistant in the Bunker Hill District.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Lucy G. Peabody, substitute.

Ordered, That Lucy G. Peabody be approved as a substitute in the Bennett District for a longer term than one month.

Report of Com. on Eighth Division: sessions of Allston School.

Mr. Winship, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Jan. 25 — a petition for one daily session only in the Allston School, reported, recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Mary E. Brooks.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Mary E. Brooks, fourth assistant in the Central District.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah J. Davis.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Sarah J. Davis, fourth assistant in the Sherwin District; and

Jennie M. Plummer, substitute.

Ordered, That Jennie M. Plummer be approved as a substitute for longer than thirty days in the Sherwin District.

Mr. Reed, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Lucy L. Burgess.

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Read, and referred to the Committee of Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Annie J. Stoddard, second assistant in the Winthrop District; and

Leave of absence to Annie J. Stoddard.

Ordered, That Elizabeth A. Withey be approved as a substitute for longer than thirty days in the Winthrop District.

Elizabeth A. Withey, substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That E. Bentley Young, in consideration of his long and successful service as a teacher in the schools of this city, and for the past few years as master of the Brimmer School, be allowed the rank of master, and placed upon the maximum salary of that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Rank and salary of E. Bentley Young.

Mr. Crowley moved that the rules be suspended to admit of the consideration of the order at the present time.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, so much of the order as relates to the rank of Mr. Young was referred to the Committee on Nominations, and so much as relates to the salary was referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the special assignment, viz., the majority and minority reports of the Committee on the discontinuance of suburban High Schools, was considered.

Special assignment: majority and minority reports on discontinuance of suburban High Schools.

Mr. Bowditch moved that the minority report, in favor of the discontinuance of the Roxbury High School, be substituted for the majority report, in favor of continuing all of the High Schools.

Mr. Crowley moved that the subject be specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Yeas and nays.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to substitute the minority for the majority report was lost, by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Flint, Hyde, Porter, Swift, and Winship. — 7.

Nays: Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Fleming, Hobbs, Moran, Plummer, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, and Thayer. — 12.

The majority report was accepted.

Mr. Thayer offered the following: —

Amendment proposed; choice of High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report such changes in the Regulations as shall make it permissible for all pupils, eligible to High-School instruction, to attend such High Schools as their parents or guardians may designate in a written request to the Committee on High Schools.

Mr. Crowley moved that the order be amended by substituting "be requested to consider the expediency of reporting," for "be instructed to report."

Lost, by a vote of 10 to 8.

Opinion of Superintendent.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the opinion of the Superintendent was requested.

The Superintendent stated that, in his opinion, the district lines for High Schools ought to be abolished; that the parents should be allowed to make a deliberate choice of the school, stating in writing their reasons for such choice.

Mr. Moran moved to substitute the following for Mr. Thayer's order: —

Ordered, That pupils, through their parents or guardians, may have the option of attending the High School in their respective districts, or the central High Schools, and that the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to make the necessary changes in the Regulations to meet this requirement.

Lost.

Mr. Thayer's order passed, by a vote of 10 to 8.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order concerning the occupancy of the Atherton School-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Furnishing of Atherton School-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to thoroughly repair and furnish the Atherton School-house, so that every room may be occupied September 1, 1881.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at a quarter before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 14, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a communication from the City Council relating to the removal of snow and ice from school-house yards. Communication from City Council.

Referred to the Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Central District. — Victoria M. Goss, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881. Resignation of teachers.

Lyman District. — Sarah F. Lothrop, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Winthrop District. — M. Lizzie Bryant, from June 3, 1881. Special assistant, Primary School.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Adams District. — Susan E. Geyer, third assistant, from April 3, 1881, and Mary E. Symonds, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881. Temporary teachers.

Dearborn District. — Cordelia G. Torrey, third assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Bennett District. — Eliza M. Warren, fourth assistant, from May 16, 1881.

Brimmer District. — Betsey P. Burgess, second assistant, Primary Department, from May 1, 1881.

Dearborn District. — Emma J. Backup, fourth assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Harris District. — Ida F. Kendall, fourth assistant, from May 16, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Confirmation of a teacher.

Hancock District. — Mary G. Ruxton, fourth assistant.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order concerning the rank of E. Bentley Young, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Rank of E. Bentley Young.

Ordered, That E. Bentley Young, in consideration of his long and successful service as a teacher in the schools of this city, and for the past few years as master of the Brimmer School, be allowed the rank of master, to date from April 1, 1881.

The committee recommended that the rules be suspended to admit of the passage of the above order.

The report was accepted.

The order to suspend the rules was lost.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Harriet A. Clapp, third assistant in the Bigelow District; and

Leave of absence to Harriet A. Clapp.

Ordered, That Margaretta H. Price be approved as a substitute for Miss Clapp.

Margaretta H. Price, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to John F. Dwight, second sub-master in the Lincoln School.

Leave of absence to John F. Dwight.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Mary A. Montague, third assistant in the Lawrence District; and

Leave of absence to Mary A. Montague.

Ordered, That Charlotte R. Hale be approved as a substitute for Miss Montague.

Charlotte R. Hale, substitute.

Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Lizzie A. Chandler, third assistant in the Andrew District, be placed upon the third year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of Lizzie A. Chandler.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That 1,000 additional copies of the dedicatory exercises of the Latin and English High School building be printed.

Edition of dedicatory exercises of Latin and English High School building.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts have leave to report in print, and that 750 copies of the report be printed.

Edition of Report of Committee on Accounts.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Repairing of Sharp school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the Sharp school-house, on Anderson street, thoroughly repaired.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Compensation to Lucette A. Wentworth.

Ordered, That Lucette A. Wentworth be paid the sum of $32, it being the difference between the salary she would have received, and that paid her substitute, during her absence.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Ellen F. Jones.

Ordered, That Ellen F. Jones, third assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Annual Festival, it was

Date of Annual School Festival.

Ordered, That the annual School Festival be held on the afternoon of Saturday, July 2.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, it was

Edition of report of Committee on Supplies.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to print 600 copies of the report of that committee.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Building for Dillaway School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new building for the accommodation of the Dillaway School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Maria L. Mace, third assistant in

the Dearborn District, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881, in consideration of her years of previous service in the city.

Salary of Maria L. Mace.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That principals of schools be instructed to so organize their classes that pupils may not be detained more than a year in any one grade, unless in rare and exceptional cases, to be determined by the principal in consultation with the supervisor in charge.

Organization of Grammar Schools.

Read, and, on motion of Mr. Thayer, referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the urinals partitioned off for individual use, in the boys' departments of all the public schools of Boston, where it has not already been done.

Improvements in urinals of public schools.

Read, and on motion of Mr. Bowditch, referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, it was

Ordered, That there be no session of the public schools on Friday, June 17th.

Schools suspended June 17.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, reported the dates of the graduating exercises of the several High Schools, as follows: —

Dates of graduating exercises of High Schools.

Brighton High School	Thursday, June 30	7.15 P.M.
Charlestown High School	Wednesday, June 29	3 P.M.
Dorchester High School	Monday, June 27	3 P.M.
East Boston High School	Thursday, June 30	9 A.M.
English High School	Tuesday, June 28	9 A.M.
Girls' High School	Monday, June 27	9 A.M.
Roxbury High School	Tuesday, June 28	3 P.M.
West Roxbury High School	Wednesday, June 29	9.30 A.M.

The list was approved.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, it was

Vacation school in Cushman school-house.

Ordered, That the use of the Cushman school-house, Parmenter street, be granted to Mrs. James Lodge during the months of July and August, 1881, for the purpose of organizing a vacation school; the same to be without expense to the city.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah F. Tenney.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Sept. 1, 1881, be granted to Sarah F. Tenney, second assistant in the Chapman District; and

Mary A. Damon, substitute.

Ordered, That Mary A. Damon be approved as a substitute for Miss Tenney.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, offered the following: —

Teacher in Fifth Division suspended.

Whereas, a certain instructor in the Fifth Division has neglected to pay substitutes who have been employed in the place of such instructor, and has failed to notice official communications from the committee in charge, —

Ordered, That the Committee on the Fifth Division have authority to suspend or discharge said instructor for cause.

Passed.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools on money deposit from pupils.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, to whom was referred — April 26 — an order requiring a money deposit from pupils entering the evening schools, to be refunded at the end of the school year, if the attendance and progress of said pupil shall have been satisfactory to the supervisors in charge, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

The Chair read the following petition: —

BOSTON, June 2, 1881.

Petition from Industrial School Association.

The Industrial School Association of Boston, having for several seasons successfully conducted schools in the use of the wood-working tools, and having prepared for the guidance of such schools a manual of proved educational value, respectfully offer to the School Committee of Boston the use of their apparatus and tools, and ask that the masters of the Dwight and Sherwin Schools be permitted to employ them for the benefit of such of their pupils as may, in their judgment, be best fitted for such instruction or most deserving of it. The Association will pay the cost of tuition for the coming school year.

Very respectfully,

MARY ANNE WALES,
GEO. L. CHANEY,
HENRY I. BOWDITCH,
Committee of the Industrial School Association.

Mr. Blake moved that the request be granted.

Mr. Chapin moved that the petition be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, Mr. Chapin's motion was amended so as to provide that the committee be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Chapin's motion passed as amended.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, offered the following: —

Improvements in Way-street and Genesee-street schools.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause the positions of the desks in the Way-street and Genesee-street schools to be changed, to furnish new black-boards to these schools, and to have the floors of the Genesee-street school-house relaid.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Report of Joint Committee on High and Evening Schools on continuance of Evening High School.

Mr. Reed, for the Joint Special Committee on High and Evening Schools, to whom was referred — May 10 — the petition of Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Wendell Phillips, John Boyle O'Reilly, Abby W. May, and others, praying that the Evening High School be continued, reported that they have heard the petition-

ers, and, having considered the matter, a majority of the committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

Ordered, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the Evening-High School be opened in the new High-School building on the evening of the first Monday of October next.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to cause proper arrangements to be made for lighting a sufficient number of rooms in the new High-School building to meet the requirements of the Evening High School.

Special assignment, orders appended to Report of Com. on Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, viz, the orders appended to the report of the Committee on Text-books, was considered. The orders concerning Grammar Schools were first considered.

Grammar School Text-Books.

ORDER No. 1. *Ordered*, That "Franklin Advanced Third Reader" be authorized, in place of "Franklin Fourth Reader," in the sixth class; that "Franklin Fourth Reader" be authorized, in place of "Franklin Fifth Reader," in the fourth class; that "Franklin Fifth Reader" be authorized, in place of "Franklin Sixth Reader," in the second class.

Passed.

Mr. Blake stated that it was not the intention of the committee to require the use of the "Franklin Fourth Reader" in the fourth class *this year*, as recommended, because the pupils in that class have previously used the reader in the sixth class. As this exception is necessary only for this year, the committee ask the passage of the following order: —

Choice of Franklin Reader for fourth class, Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the use of the "Franklin Fourth Reader," in the fourth class of the Grammar Schools, be not required this year, and that the principals of the several schools be authorized to continue the use of

the "Intermediate Reader," or to use the "Fifth Reader," in that class, as may seem best to them.

Passed.

ORDER No. 2. *Ordered*, That the "Graphic System of Practical Penmanship" be authorized for use as a text-book.

Mr. Cutter moved that the order be recommitted.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the order was laid on the table.

Miss Peabody gave notice, that at the next meeting of the Board she should offer the following, as an amendment to the report: —

Ordered, That "Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary" be authorized for use in the third class of the Grammar Schools.

Worcester's Dictionary, third class, Grammar Schools.

The order concerning High Schools was considered.

ORDER No. 3. *Ordered*, That "Cooley's New Text-book of Physics," or "Avery's Physics," be authorized, in place of "Norton's Natural Philosophy."

High-School Text-Books.

Mr. Blake moved to amend the order, by adding the following: "and that 'Irving's Sketch Book' and 'Harkness's Latin Reader' be authorized as text-books, and that 'American Poems with Biographical Sketches and Notes,' and 'Selections from American Authors — Franklin, Adams, Cooper, and Longfellow,' be stricken from the list of text-books."

Mr. Chapin moved to amend the order by striking out "or Avery's Physics."

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Superintendent was asked to give his opinion on the subject.

The Superintendent stated that in his opinion it would be better to have the same text-book in physics in all the High Schools; that one of the two books mentioned in the report was decidedly better suited to the high school work than the other, but from not hav-

Opinion of Superintendent.

ing seen the books for some time he failed to recall the name of the book he had preferred.

Latin-School Text-Books.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the third order was laid on the table.

The orders concerning Latin Schools were considered.

ORDER No. 4. *Ordered*, That "Gildersleeve's Latin Primer" be stricken from the list.

Passed.

ORDER No. 5. *Ordered*, That "Allen's Latin Composition" be authorized as a text-book.

Lost, 13 only voting in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the vote was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Swift, the fifth order was laid on the table.

ORDER No. 6. *Ordered*, That Herrig's "La France Littéraire" be stricken from the list of text-books.

Passed.

ORDER No. 7. *Ordered*, That the following books be authorized for use as text-books in French: Keetel's "Analytical French Reader"; "Nouvelles Genevoises"; Souvestre's "Philosophe sous les Toits," and "Au Coin de Feu"; Racine's "Andromaque," and "Iphigénie"; Molière's "Bourgeois Gentilhomme," and "Precieuses Ridicules"; Corneille's "Les Horaces."

Passed.

ORDER No. 8. *Ordered*, That "Ginn & Heath's Classical Atlas" be authorized, in place of "Putnam's Classical Atlas."

Passed.

ORDER No. 9. *Ordered*, That "Hamblin Smith's Algebra" be authorized as a text-book.

Mr. Blake moved that the order be laid on the table.

Lost.

The order was lost, 6 only voting in the affirmative.

ORDER No. 10. *Ordered*, That "Avery's Physics" be authorized, in place of "Rolfe and Gillett's Manual of Physics."

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the assignment of the text-books for Primary Schools be in accordance with the present classification of these schools, which provides for three classes only.

Assignment of Primary School text-books in accordance with classification of schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That the copies of "Tom Brown's School Days at Rugby," now in the schools, be allowed to remain in schools the principals of which shall signify to the Committee on Supplies their desire that the books remain.

Tom Brown's School-Days at Rugby, allowed.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That 2,500 copies of the course of study, the text and reference books (when the list shall have been completed), and the plan for the distribution, assignment, and supplying of supplementary reading, be printed.

Edition of course of study, text and reference books, etc.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That permission be granted to N. Morgan to place on trial, in ten of the Grammar Schools, "Gould's Patent Arithmetical Frame," and to explain the use of the frame to the teachers; the whole to be without expense to the city, and without interruption to the regular work of the schools.

Gould's Patent Arithmetical Frame.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, presented the report of the Committee on Text-Books, on supple-

Special assignment, report of Committee on

Text-books on supplementary reading.

mentary reading, which was specially assigned for consideration to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Report of Committee on Text-books on supply of supplementary reading from Public Library.

Mr. Blake, for the same committee, presented a report on a plan for supplying supplementary reading from the Public Library, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred — April 26 — petitions from residents of Dorchester, praying for Primary School accommodations in the vicinity of Bird-street Station, and Howard avenue, reported recommending the passage of the following order: —

Primary school-house in Dorchester.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a two-room school building at or near the south-easterly corner of Columbia and Quincy streets, or to remove the present one on Howard avenue and erect a six-room building on or near its site.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order for improvements in the Tuckerman school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Improvements in Tuckerman school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to enlarge the entrance in the rear of the Tuckerman school-house for the use of the two lower rooms.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — March 22 — an order concerning an alteration in the Stoughton school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Alteration in Stoughton school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to move the partition between the rooms in the second story on the west side of the Stoughton school-house so as to better accommodate the school.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order concerning improvements and repairs in the Adams school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to construct an office for the master in the Adams school-house, and to make some necessary repairs in the building.

Master's office and repairs in Adams school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order concerning repairs in the Lincoln school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to put the present heating apparatus of the Lincoln school-house in thorough repair, or to replace it with a new one ; also to relay the floors of some of the school-rooms, and make such other repairs as shall put the building in good order.

Repairs in Lincoln school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order concerning double windows for the Lincoln school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide double windows for the north and west sides of the Lincoln school building, South Boston.

Double windows, Lincoln school-house.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The chair presented in print the annual report of the Committee on Supplies.

Annual report of the Committee on Supplies.

Accepted.

The orders appended to the report of the Joint Committee on High and Evening Schools were considered.

Orders appended to report of Joint Committee on High and Evening Schools.

After discussion, Mr. Winship moved the previous question.

Lost.

Mr. Blake moved that the first order be amended so as to provide that the joint committee prepare and present a report on a course of study for the Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, Mr. Blake's motion was amended so as to provide that the joint committee report a plan for securing regular attendance in the Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Reed, Mr. Blake's motion was further amended so as to require that the committee report at the next meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Moran, Mr. Blake's motion was further amended so as to provide for limiting the ages of pupils attending.

Mr. Blake's motion passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Swift, the first order, as amended, was recommitted by a vote of 11 to 7.

On motion of Mr. Swift, the second order was recommitted by a vote of 11 to 6.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Requirements for admission to Evening Drawing Schools.

Ordered, That no pupil attending the public day schools be allowed to attend an Evening Drawing School, nor that any pupil may be received in such school, unless, over his own signature, he certifies as his reason for seeking there the privilege of studying drawing, that the calling he intends to pursue is such that the knowledge of drawing will be of especial advantage to him in his employment, and that he shall also state what business occupation he intends permanently to follow.

Ordered, That in admitting pupils to attend the

Evening Drawing Schools the committee on said schools be instructed to admit only those persons as pupils who are entitled to the instruction according to the spirit of the preceding order.

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be directed to make the necessary changes in the Regulations required by the passage of these orders.

Read, and on motion of Mr. Rust, referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Ordered, That John O. Godfrey, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed on the maximum salary of his grade from April 1, 1881.

Salary of John O. Godfrey.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish a new Primary-School building for the accommodation of pupils in the Bunker Hill District.

Primary school building, Bunker Hill District.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the vote was reconsidered whereby the motion was lost, to suspend the rules to admit of the passage of the order concerning the rank of E. Bentley Young.

Reconsideration.

The rules were suspended, and the order that the rank of master be given to E. Bentley Young from April 1, 1881, was passed.

Rules suspended.
Rank of E. Bentley Young.

Mr. Moran, having filed a notice with the Secretary, according to the rule, moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the order of May 24, concerning the "Multiplication Game," was lost.

Reconsideration of order concerning Multiplication Game.

Passed.

Mr. Rust in the chair.

Mr. Moran moved the passage of the order in the report of the Committee on Text-Books, viz. : —

Multiplication Game for Primary Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to expend a sum, not exceeding $100, in the purchase of sets of the Multiplication Game, for use in the Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the previous question was ordered.

The order passed.

The Vice-President in the chair.

Reports of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order concerning the salary of E. Bentley Young, reported that, on account of his long and successful service, the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of E. Bentley Young.

Ordered, That E. Bentley Young, master of the Prince School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order relative to the salaries of certain teachers of the First Division, reported, recommending that the following order ought to pass : —

Compensation to Misses Russell, Pitman, and Turner.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty-three dollars be paid to Eliza F. Russell, first assistant in the Lyman District, and thirty dollars each to Amelia H. Pitman and Mary A. Turner, second assistants in the same district, being amounts claimed by them for a difference in rank and salary lost by reduced numbers from May 1 to October 1, 1880.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — the order relative to the salary of Lucy L. Burgess, reported as follows : —

Salary of Lucy L. Burgess.

Miss Burgess was elected Sept. 1, 1876, to the position of first assistant, with the salary the same as that of first assistant in the master's room. At the meeting of the School Committee, Sept. 26, 1876, the salary of the first assistant, not in the master's room, was reduced from $1,200 to $1,000. In 1877 this salary was further reduced to $852. When the present schedule of salaries was adopted, in 1878, the following order was passed: —

Ordered, That the salaries of the teachers heretofore designated as "Second First Assistants" begin at the minimum salary of first assistants, $900, with an annual increase of $36, till the maximum salary of $1,080 is reached.

The effect of this order was to place Miss Burgess on the minimum salary of the present schedule. She had served five years, doing the same work as that of her present grade of first assistant, not in the master's room; but owing to the facts of her rank being that of *second first assistant* at the time of the change in the schedule of salaries, and the action of the Board upon the order above referred to, she was placed on the minimum of her grade.

The committee believe that favorable action should be taken by the Board in regard to the salary of Miss Burgess, but have thought it wise to ask instructions from the Board, as they feel that other first assistants who were similarly circumstanced should be included in some general action of the Board on the subject.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service, Lucy L. Burgess, first assistant in the Sherwin District, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Passed.

Salary of first assistants in second class of boys in mixed schools.

Ordered, That it is the sense of this Board that first assistants in charge of the second class of boys in mixed schools, who are on their fourth year of service, should be placed on the maximum of their grade.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations on changes in rank and salary of teachers.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on changes in rank and salary of teachers, on account of changes in the number of pupils, was taken from the table and accepted.

The order appended, as follows, passed to a second reading: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Sect. 226. Paragraph 2, line 2. Strike out the words "second sub-masters."

Paragraph 2, line 5. Strike out the words "of the second and fourth grades," and insert in place thereof the words "of the fourth grade."

Paragraph 2, line 9. Insert after the word "service," the following: "The salary of a master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding five years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the sixth and each subsequent year of service. The salary of a sub-master shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding thirteen years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the fourteenth and each subsequent year of service."

Paragraph 3, line 3. Strike out "In schools of two hundred or more, but less than three hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master; in schools of one hundred or more, but less than two hundred, the principal

shall be a second sub-master"; and insert in place thereof the following: "In schools of one hundred or more, but less than three hundred, the principal shall be a sub-master."

Paragraph 6, Schedule. Strike out the column headed "Second sub-masters," and add the numbers therein to the numbers in the column headed "Sub-masters."

Add the following as a new paragraph, to be numbered Paragraph 8: —

The Regulations which fix the rank of teachers any school is entitled to shall not be held to require the reduction in rank of any regularly confirmed teacher who has been nominated for reëlection, to serve in the same school in which he is already serving, except as hereinafter provided. Whenever it shall appear that the rank of a regularly confirmed teacher serving in any school is higher than the number of pupils in said school would allow by the Regulations strictly applied, the Committee on Nominations shall, at the first opportunity, propose a transfer of such teacher to a school in which a suitable vacancy exists; and all proposals of transfer so made shall be acted on by the Board before the vacancy is filled in any other way. A teacher declining to be so transferred may thereupon be reduced in rank, as required by the Regulations.

Sect. 246. At the end of the section add the following: "This shall be limited in its operation by paragraph 8 of Section 226 of the Regulations."

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the Board adjourned at ten minutes before eleven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, June 20, 1881.

A special meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams, Chapin, Finney, Flint, Fox, Perkins, and Spaulding. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order by the Secretary.

Election of President *pro tem.*

On motion of Mr. Moran, the Secretary was instructed to cast, for the Board, one ballot for Mr. Hobbs as President *pro tempore;* which was accordingly done, and Mr. Hobbs was declared elected President *pro tempore.*

Call for special meeting.

The Chair read the call for the special meeting.

Placed on file.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — May 10 — the report of the Committee on Examinations, with reference to a plan for giving diplomas to the graduating pupils of the Grammar Schools, reported recommending the passage of the following order: —

Awarding of diplomas to grammar-school pupils; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 141 of the Regulations, be amended as follows: —

Strike out all after "diplomas," on page 32, and add the following: —

The Committee on Examinations shall award grammar-school diplomas to all regular members of the graduating class whose scholarship is at least passable, and whose conduct has been good.

The grammar-school diplomas shall entitle to admission to the High Schools, but those pupils whose scholarship is only passable shall be admitted on probation, — the probation to end on or before February 1, only such of these pupils being retained as, in the opinion of the principal, approved by the Board of Supervisors, are able to pursue the course of study with advantage to themselves and without detriment to the school.

The Secretary of the School Board shall, under the direction of the Committee on Examinations, send to each principal of a Grammar School the names of such of his pupils as are to be admitted to the High Schools unconditionally and on probation, and to the several principals of the High Schools the lists of those that are entitled to an unconditional admission to the High Schools, and to an admission on probation.

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the rules were suspended, and the order took a second reading and passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, to whom was referred — February 8 — an order to amend the regulations by specifying the times for the examinations for admission to the Normal, Latin, and High Schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Examinations for admission to Normal, Latin, and High Schools; rules amended.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows : —

Section 250. Strike out, in the third and fourth lines, the words, "at such time as the Committee on High Schools shall direct," and insert the words, "on the first Monday and Tuesday in September."

Section 267. Strike out, in the last two lines, the

words, "at such time as the committee in charge may direct," and insert the words, "on the third Saturday in June, and on the first Monday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

Section 278. Strike out, in the last two lines, the words, "at such time as the committee in charge shall direct," and insert the words, "on the first Saturday in June and on the first Monday in September, the questions for such examinations to be adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and approved by the Committee on Examinations."

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the rules were suspended, and the order took a second reading and passed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order instructing them to report changes in the Regulations relative to the attendance of pupils in the High Schools, reported recommending the passage of the following order: —

Choice of High Schools; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: Substitute the following for Section 257: "Section 257. Pupils eligible for high-school instruction may attend such High Schools as their parents or guardians may designate in a written request to the Committee on High Schools; but such request shall not be required from the parents or guardians of those pupils who desire to attend the High School in the district where they reside."

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that the committee be instructed to report upon the expediency of amending Section 187 of the Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Notice of service of substitutes; amendment proposed.

Ordered, That Section 187 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "A substitute shall on the same day on which his service in any school begins send by mail to the Secretary of the School Committee notice of the fact, and shall send a similar notice on the day on which his service ends; and the principals of schools and the supervisors in charge of primary schools shall cause this requirement to be brought to the attention of every substitute employed in their respective schools."

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, to whom was referred —May 10 — an order to consider the expediency of amending Section 147 of the Regulations, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Certificates of qualification; rules amended.

Ordered, That Section 147 of the Regulations be amended as follows: Paragraph 2, line 1, after the word "To" insert "head-masters"; line 2, after the words "High Schools" insert "and of the Normal School"; paragraph 4, line 2, after the word "Schools" insert "and of the Normal School."

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the rules were suspended, and the order took a second reading and passed.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Communication from Clerk of Committees.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF COMMITTEES, CITY OF BOSTON,
CITY HALL, June 16, 1881.

MR. PHINEAS BATES, JR., *Sec'y School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — In behalf of the Committee on Children's Entertainments, I hereby apply for the use of the halls in the following-named school-houses: Hancock School-house, Parmenter street; Emerson School-house, East Boston; Bennett School-house, Brighton, for children's entertainments, July 4, 1881.

Yours truly,

W. H. LEE,
Clerk of Committees.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the rules were suspended, and permission to use the halls granted.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, it was

Freeman's History in Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Secretary be requested to send a circular letter to each grammar master, asking his opinion of the merits of Freeman's History, and whether or not he would like a change, giving specific reasons for a change, and suggesting a substitute.

Report of Special Committee on discontinuance of Evening High School.

Mr. Reed, for the Special Committee on the discontinuance of the Evening High School, submitted a majority report, which, on motion of Mr. Rust, was recommitted to that committee.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, JR.,
Secretary.

In School Committee, June 28, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams, Hobbs, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the two preceding meetings was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Second reading of orders. Changes in rank and salary of teachers; rules amended.

The order appended to the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations on changes in rank and salary of teachers, on account of changes in the number of pupils [see Min., June 14, pp. 152, 153], took a second reading and passed.

The following order came up for a second reading: —

Choice of High Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: Substitute the following for Section 257: "Section 257. Pupils eligible for high-school instruction may attend such High Schools as their parents or guardians may designate in a written request to the Committee on High Schools; but such request shall not be required from the parents or guardians of those pupils who desire to attend the High School in the district where they reside."

Mr. Rust moved to amend the order by substituting the following for the section: —

Sect. 257 amended.

"Sect. 257. The Committee on High Schools shall admit pupils eligible for high-school instruction, to a High School in any district other than that in which they reside, the same having been first designated by

their parents or guardians, in a written communication to the Committee on High Schools, and no pupil shall be transferred from one High School to another, except by permission of the same committee."

Mr. Rust's motion to substitute passed.

Yeas and nays.

The question being on the adoption of the order as amended, on motion of Mr. Chapin, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. Fox moved that the order be laid on the table and specially assigned for consideration to 8 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Lost.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the previous question was ordered.

The order, as amended, passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: Messrs. Blake, Flint, Gallagher, Hyde, Moran, Porter, Reed, Rust, Swift, and Winship. — 10.

Nays: Miss Peabody, Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Fleming, Fox, Plummer, and Spaulding. — 8.

The following order took a second reading: —

Notice of service of substitutes; Sect. 187 amended.

Ordered, That Section 187 of the Regulations be amended by adding the following to the section: "A substitute shall on the same day on which his service in any school begins send by mail to the Secretary of the School Committee notice of the fact, and shall send a similar notice on the day on which his service ends; and the principals of schools and the supervisors in charge of primary schools shall cause this requirement to be brought to the attention of every substitute employed in their respective schools."

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Ordered, That five hundred additional copies of the report and catalogue of the Normal School be printed. Edition of report and catalogue of Normal School.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide an entrance to the Egleston-square school-house at the rear of said school-house, leading from School street, and that the entrance be at least sixteen feet wide, so as to allow for a driveway and a walk for the pupils. Rear entrance to Egleston-square school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Miss Peabody offered the following: —

Ordered, That the three years' course of instruction be restored in all the High Schools in place of the two years' course now ordered, with the former provision of a fourth year in the central schools. Three years' course in High Schools.

Mr. Moran moved that the order be referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 12.

Mr. Gallagher moved that the rules be suspended to admit of the passage of the order.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Blake, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Gallagher's motion to suspend the rules passed. Rules suspended.

The order passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, presented a tabulation of modifications of the course of study for High Schools, the Board having approved the request of that committee that after a year's trial of the course presented, May 25, 1880, they be allowed to make such changes in detail as might seem desirable. Modifications of the course of study for High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Modifications approved.

Ordered, That the accompanying modifications of the Course of Study for the High Schools be approved.

Copies of modifications.

Ordered, That sufficient copies of the modified course of study be printed for the use of the teachers.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Room in Thetford-avenue school-house for grammar classes.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to fit up one additional room in the Thetford-avenue school-house for the use of the second and third grammar classes.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Com. on Text-books on supplementary reading from Public Library.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report of the Committee on Text-books on the supply of supplementary reading by the Public Library was taken from the table and accepted.

The order appended, as follows, passed: —

Ordered, That the plan for supplying supplementary reading, as contained in the communication from the Trustees of the Public Library, be accepted and adopted; and that the Committee on Text-Books be authorized to carry out said plan, in coöperation with said Trustees.

Report of Committee on Text-books, on supplementary reading.

The special assignment, viz., the report of the Committee on Text-books on supplementary reading was considered.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was amended by striking out "Guyot's Introduction to Geography," for use in the sixth classes of Grammar Schools.

The report was accepted as amended.

The first order was considered: —

Supplementary reading.

Ordered, That the following books be authorized for use for supplementary reading in the several grades of schools, as specified. The number of sets to be used, the number of copies in each set, and the

distribution and assignment of the books, to be in accordance with the plan presented in this document.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

"Ballads and Lyrics;" "The Boy's Froissart;" "Swinton's Masterpieces of English Literature." High Schools.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

"Seven Little Sisters;" "Each and All;" "Guyot's Introduction to Geography;" "Hooker's Child's Book of Nature;" "Poetry for Children;" "Stories from American History;" "The Wonder Book;" "Tanglewood Tales;" "Readings from Nature's Book" (Revised Edition); "The Fairy Land of Science;" "American Poems;" "About Old Story Tellers;" "Selections from American Authors;" "Early England" (Harper's Half-Hour Series, Nos. 6 and 14); "Greene's Readings from English History;" "Six Stories from Arabian Nights;" "Geographical Plays." Grammar Schools.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

"Easy Steps for Little Feet;" "Supplementary Reader," First and Second Books (Davis & Co.); "Popular Tales" (First and Second Series); "Graded Supplementary Reading;" "Munroe's First Reader;" "Appleton's First Reader;" "Harvey's First Reader;" "Eclectic First Reader;" "Sheldon's First Reader;" "The Nursery;" "Munroe's Second Reader;" "Appleton's Second Reader;" "Harvey's Second Reader;" "Easy Book;" "Our Little Ones;" "Golden Book of Choice Reading;" "Analytical Second Reader." Primary Schools.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the order was amended by striking out "Six Stories from Arabian Nights," and "Popular Tales" (First and Second Series).

The order passed as amended.

The second order, as follows, was lost: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be authorized to withdraw from the schools and to sell the number of copies of each series of the "Popular Tales" in excess of the number stated in the distribution of sets (30 copies for a set).

Orders appended to report of Committee on Text-books.

On motion of Mr. Blake, Orders 2, 3, and 5, appended to the report of the Committee on Text-books, [Doc. 10], were taken from the table by a vote of 9 to 8, the Chair voting in the affirmative.

ORDER No. 2. *Ordered*, That the "Graphic System of Practical Penmanship" be authorized for use as a text-book.

Mr. Fox asked the ruling of the Chair on the adoption of the books.

The Chair stated that, in his opinion, it would take 17 votes to adopt the books.

The order was lost, 7 only voting in the affirmative.

ORDER No. 3. *Ordered*, That "Cooley's New Text-book of Physics," or "Avery's Physics," be authorized, in place of "Norton's Natural Philosophy."

Mr. Blake moved that the order be amended by striking out "or Avery's Physics," and adding to the order the words "in all of the High Schools."

Mr. Crowley moved that the amendment be laid on the table.

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 9.

Special assignment: text-book in physics.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the subject was specially assigned to the next meeting of this Board, special or otherwise.

ORDER No. 5. *Ordered*, That "Allen's Latin Composition" be authorized as a text-book.

Mr. Reed moved that the order be recommitted to

the Committee on Text-books, with instructions to report the classes in which it is intended to be used.

Lost.

The order passed, 17 voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-books, who were granted further time in which to present their recommendations with reference to text-books in drawing, presented a report recommending the passage of the following order: —

Reports of Committee on Text-books, on text-books in Drawing.

Ordered, That the American Text-Books of Art Education, with such modifications as may be suggested by the Director of Drawing, and approved by the Committee on Drawing and Music, be continued as the authorized text-books in Drawing, and that the use of the present series be suspended until such modifications shall have been made, and the books, as modified, approved by the Committee on Drawing and Music.

American text-books of Art Education.

Mr. Blake also presented a report, signed by John G. Blake and Henry W. Swift, recommending the adoption of Barnes' System of Drawing, to be taught by means of cards and blank books, for use in the schools.

The Chair stated that 17 votes would be necessary to change the drawing-books, and that by the statute a week must elapse before action can be taken on Barnes' System of Drawing.

Mr. Blake moved the acceptance of the second report.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the subject was specially assigned to 8.30 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Special assignment: text-books in drawing.

Mr. Blake moved that the American Text-Books of Art Education be suspended for two weeks.

Lost, by a vote of 6 to 7.

Mr. Moran moved that when this Board adjourn, it be to meet on Tuesday, July 12, at 7.30 P.M.

Lost.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Adjournment.

Ordered, That when this Board adjourn it be to meet on Tuesday, July 5, at 7.30 P.M.

Mr. Cutter offered the following: —

Exhibitions in Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That, in order to secure more uniformity in closing the schools at the end of the school year, the exhibitions in the Grammar Schools be held only on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the closing week.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Moran in the chair.

Majority and minority report of Special Committee on Evening High School.

Mr. Reed, for the Special Committee on the continuance of the Evening High School, presented a majority and a minority report on the subject.

Mr. Swift presented a second minority report.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the reports were laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Vice-President in the chair.

Special assignment: reports of Special Committee on Evening High School.

Mr. Reed moved that the reports be specially assigned to 7.31 o'clock of the next meeting of the Board.

Mr. Winship moved to amend Mr. Reed's motion so that the assignment be to 8.15 o'clock.

Lost.

Mr. Reed's motion passed.

Calling of roll.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the roll was called, and the following members answered to their names: —

Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Finney, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hyde,

Moran, Plummer, Reed, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, and Winship. — 17.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, presented in print the annual report of that committee. Report of Committee on Accounts.

Accepted.

Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred the petition from a Committee of the Industrial School Association, reported that in their judgment the petition should be referred to a special committee, and recommended the passage of the following order: — Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations on petition of Industrial School Association.

Ordered, That the petition from the Committee of the Industrial School Association be referred to a special committee of three members of this Board.

Accepted, and the order passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Bowditch and Blake and Miss Peabody to serve as the above committee. Committee to consider petition.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order concerning a new building for the Dillaway School, reported that the following order ought to pass: — Reports of Committee on School-houses.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a new building for the accommodation of the Dillaway School. Building for Dillaway School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, who were instructed — Feb. 22 — to report changes in the district lines for the Quincy School, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the boundary lines of the Quincy District be amended so as to read as follows: — Boundary lines of Quincy District amended.

"Beginning at Dover-street bridge; thence by the centre of Dover street to Harrison avenue; thence by the centre of Harrison avenue and Chauncy street to

Summer street; thence by the centre of Summer to Otis street; thence by the centre of Otis and Devonshire streets to State street; thence by the centre of State street to the water; thence by the water to the point of beginning."

Boundary lines affected by changes in Quincy District.

Ordered, That the boundary lines of school districts affected by the above changes be made to conform to those changes.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 24 — an order for additional primary school accommodations in the Lowell District, reported recommending the passage of the following orders: —

Primary school accommodations, Lowell District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to secure the basement of the Church, Centre street, or some other temporary accommodations, for the Primary School now occupying a house in Bromley Park, and for such other primary classes of the Lowell District as may require accommodation.

Primary school-house, Lowell District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide an eight-room primary school-house in the neighborhood of the Lowell school-house.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

On motion of Mr. Chapin, it was

Exercises at Annual Exhibition by graduating classes only.

Ordered, That the exercises given at the annual exhibitions in the Grammar Schools be confined to the graduating classes, with the exception of the singing.

Miss Peabody, in accordance with the notice given June 14, offered the following as an amendment to the report of the Committee on Text-Books: —

Worcester's Dictionary, third class, Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That "Worcester's Comprehensive Dictionary" be authorized for use in the third class of the Grammar Schools.

Laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until January 1, 1882, be granted to Hannah L. Manson, fourth assistant in the Emerson District; and

Leave of absence to Hannah L. Manson.

Ordered, That Carrie M. Locke be approved as a substitute for Miss Manson.

Carrie M. Locke, substitute.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the sanitary accommodations from the yard of the Lexington-street school-house to the basement of the same building.

Sanitary accommodations, Lexington-street school-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Eliza F. Russell, first assistant in the Lyman District, be placed on the maximum salary of her grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of Eliza F. Russell.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of Ellen F. Jones, reported, that, in consideration of more than eight years' service in the schools of Boston, the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Ordered, That Ellen F. Jones, third assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of Ellen F. Jones.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of Lizzie A. Chandler, reported as follows: —

Report of Com. on Salaries.

The order appended to the report of the Committee

on Salaries, and passed by the Board, provided that the salary of no third or fourth assistant in the service of the city should be reduced. As Miss Chandler was actually in the service in March before the action on the order referred to, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Salary of Lizzie A. Chandler.

Ordered, That Lizzie A. Chandler, third assistant in the Andrew District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of Lucette A. Wentworth, reported, recommending the passage of the following order: —

Compensation to Lucette A. Wentworth.

Ordered, That Lucette A. Wentworth, third assistant in the Eliot District, be paid the sum of thirty-two dollars, it being the difference between the salary she would have received, and that paid her substitute during her absence.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of first assistants in charge of the second class of boys in mixed schools, reported, that, after considering the subject, the committee recommend the passage of the following order: —

Salaries of first assistants in second class, boys.

Ordered, That all first assistants in charge of the second class of boys in mixed schools, who are on their fourth year of service, be placed upon the sixth year of service of their grade.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of Maria L. Mace, reported, that, in consideration of

more than ten years of previous acceptable service in the schools of Boston, the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That Maria L. Mace, third assistant in the Dearborn District, be placed upon her sixth year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of Maria L. Mace.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order relative to the salary of John O. Godfrey, reported that it is not within the power of this committee to report favorably under the rules; the committee therefore recommend the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules: —

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That John O. Godfrey, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in his grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of John O. Godfrey.

The report was accepted.

The rules were suspended, and the order passed.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Fox offered the following: —

Ordered, That the janitor of the evening school at Neponset be paid the sum of seventy cents per evening for service in said evening school during the time the committee permitted the use of the building for the purpose of continuing the school.

Compensation to janitor of Neponset Evening School.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Accounts.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board adjourned at twenty-seven minutes after ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, July 5, 1881.

An adjourned meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members, except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams, Perkins, and Thayer.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Special assignment; Majority and Minority Reports of Com. on Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the special assignment, viz., the majority and minority reports of the Special Committee on the continuance of the Evening High School, was considered. [See Doc. 17.]

Mr. Bowditch moved that the minority report, signed by Messrs. Bowditch, Blake, and Swift, be substituted for all other reports on the subject.

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Flint, the previous question was ordered.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The motion to substitute passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays

Yeas: — Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Cutter, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Porter, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, and Winship. — 13.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Crowley, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, and Reed. — 7.

The minority report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the orders appended to the report were considered by sections: —

Orders appended to Minority Report.

ORDER No. 1. *Ordered*, That the Committee on Evening Schools be authorized to reopen the Evening High School in the month of October next, subject to the following conditions: —

1. Pupils registering their names for admission shall be required to deposit two dollars with the principal as a guarantee for regular attendance, this deposit to be refunded at the end of the school term, provided the attendance and conduct shall have been satisfactory to the principal and to the supervisor in charge.

On motion of Mr. Moran, Section 1 was amended by inserting after "satisfactory to," in the last line but one, the words "the chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools."

Mr. Fox moved to amend the section by inserting after the word "next," in the third line, the words "in the new High School building."

On motion of Mr. Fox, the yeas and nays were ordered.

The amendment passed by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Chapin, Crowley, Cutter, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Porter, Reed, Spaulding, and Swift. — 17.

Nays: — Messrs. Flint, Rust, and Winship. — 3.

Mr. Chapin moved that Section 1 be stricken out.

Lost.

Mr. Reed called for a verification of the vote by the yea and nay list.

Passed.

Mr. Chapin's motion was lost by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas. — Messrs. Chapin, Crowley, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, Reed, and Spaulding. — 8.

Nays: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Cutter, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Porter, Rust, Swift, and Winship. — 12.

The first section passed as amended.

SECT. 2. Pupils registering their names for admission shall be required to state, in writing, the number of evenings per week they will be able to attend; and no pupil shall be admitted who is unable to attend at least three evenings per week, without special permission from the Committee on Evening Schools.

Passed.

SECT. 3. The course of study in the Evening High School shall include the following studies, and no others: —

English Composition and Penmanship,
History of the United States,
Commercial Arithmetic and Book-keeping,
Elementary Algebra and Plane Geometry, French.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the section by adding the following: "when it is made evident to the Committee on Evening Schools that the study of that language is necessary in the occupation the pupils follow, or intend to follow."

Mr. Fox moved to amend Mr. Moran's amendment by prefixing the words "and Latin," and by changing "the language" to "those languages."

After discussion Mr. Blake moved the previous question.

Passed.

Mr. Fox called for a verification of the vote by the yea and nay list.

Passed.

The previous question was ordered by the following vote: —

Yeas and nays.

Yeas: — Miss Peabody, Messrs. Blake, Bowditch, Cutter, Flint, Hyde, Moran, Plummer, Porter, Rust, Spaulding, Swift, and Winship. — 13.

Nays: — Messrs. Crowley, Fleming, Fox, Gallagher, Hobbs, and Reed. — 6.

Mr. Fox's amendment was lost by a vote of 7 to 11.

Mr. Moran's amendment passed by a vote of 13 to 5.

Mr. Reed moved to substitute the following for Section 3: —

Ordered, That the course of study be continued the same as last year, except that no pupil shall be permitted to receive instruction in Latin, French, or German, who has not passed an examination satisfactory to the chairman of the Committee on Evening Schools, the supervisor in charge, and the principal of the school; said examination to be in addition to that required for admission to the school.

The motion to substitute was lost.

Section 3 passed as amended.

Sect. 4. Only persons less than twenty-five years of age shall be allowed to attend the Evening High School.

Mr. Crowley moved to amend the section by adding "except by special permission of the Committee on Evening Schools."

After discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Crowley's amendment passed.

Section 4 passed as amended.

The first order passed as amended.

Order No. 2. *Ordered*, That the Committee on

Rules and Regulations be instructed to amend the rules in conformity with this order.

On motion of Mr. Bowditch, the order was amended by substituting the words "report amendments to" for the word "amend," in the second line.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the order was amended by substituting the words "the preceding" for the word "this," in the third line.

The second order passed as amended.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Accommodations for Evening High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish suitable accommodations for the Evening High School in the High and Latin School Building.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment; Text-Books in Drawing.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, viz., the reports of the Committee on Text-books on the subject of drawing-books, was considered.

Statement of Vice-President on changes in text-books.

The Chair made the following statement: —

The statutes require a two-thirds vote of the Board of School Committee to change the school-books used in the public schools. [Sect. 2, Chap. 47, Acts of 1876.]

Under former rulings of the Chair, made in accordance with the opinions of the City Solicitor, the simple discontinuance of a book or the introduction of a new book, even when not intended to supersede any other book, has been held to be a change within the meaning of the law, as much as the dropping of one book and the substitution of another.

The Chair, after careful consideration of the subject involved in the order before the Board, is clearly of the opinion that in order to suspend the drawing-book as proposed it will be necessary to obtain a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board; as the

proposition is to give to a sub-committee of the Board the power to change the book now in use if it shall not be satisfactory to them. Indeed, the order before us goes farther than that. It *makes* a change in text-books unless the book is not altered to satisfy a majority of that committee. If the committee should be equally divided, on account of the absence of any member, the book would be discontinued as effectually as though it were dropped from the list.

While the Chair is of the opinion that the Board may determine by a *majority* vote at what particular time or times in the year a book shall be used, he is very clear in his mind that the suspension of a book indefinitely, or subject to the approval of a sub-committee, if not altogether illegal, will require a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Board.

The Chair is also of the opinion that a proposition to suspend a book, even for a limited time, *and* to substitute another book, even if the book proposed as a substitute be a blank book, is one which is within the meaning and intent of the law regarding changes in text-books, and would require the same number of votes as any other change of books, viz., 17 out of 25.

Mr. Blake moved the consideration of the following order: —

American text-books of Art Education.

Ordered, That the American text-books of Art Education, with such modifications as may be suggested by the Director of Drawing, and approved by the Committee on Drawing and Music, be continued as the authorized text-books in Drawing; and that the use of the present series be suspended until such modifications shall have been made, and the books, as modified, approved by the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Blake moved that the order be amended by inserting after the word "Music," in the fourth line, the words "and the Board."

Mr. Cutter moved to substitute the following order: —

Ordered, That the publishers of the American text-books of Art Education be requested to make modifications in the drawing-books, as recommended by the Director of Drawing in his report to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Cutter read a report from the Director of Drawing to the Committee on Drawing and Music, on the subject of guide-points in the American text-books of Art Education.

Mr. Gallagher in the chair.

Mr. Swift moved to substitute the following for the order under consideration: —

Ordered, That the use of the American text-books of Art Education be suspended until the 15th of September, 1881; and that the Committee on Supplies be directed to purchase no drawing-books until that time.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the question of suspending drawing-books.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that it is very desirable that all text-books to be used during the year shall be furnished on the first day of the term.

After a lengthy discussion, on motion of Mr. Rust, the previous question was ordered.

Mr. Swift's motion to substitute was lost.

Mr. Cutter's motion to substitute passed.

The order passed.

The Vice-President in the chair.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATION.

Resignation of teacher.

West Roxbury High School. — Louise M. Thurston, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

West Roxbury High School. — Mary L. Charles, third assistant, from Sept. 1, 1881.

Stoughton District. — Helen F. Burgess, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, presented the following report: —

Reëlection of instructors in outlying High Schools.

"At the meeting of the School Board, March 22, the instructors of the outlying High Schools were reëlected for a term of five months, ending Sept. 1, 1881, the subject of abolishing these schools being then before the Board.

Subsequent acting of the Board resulting in the continuance of the outlying High Schools, the Committee on Nominations respectfully recommend that the following teachers be continued in service for the remainder of the school year: —

Roxbury High School. — S. M. Weston, headmaster; Emily Weeks, first assistant; Eliza D. Gardner and Helen A. Gardner, third assistants; Clara H. Balch, fourth assistant.

West Roxbury High School. — George C. Mann, master.

Brighton High School. — Benjamin Wormelle, master; Marion A. Hawes, fourth assistant.

East Boston High School. — John O. Norris, master; Sarah L. Becker, third assistant; Emily J. Tucker, fourth assistant.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board proceeded to ballot for the principals.

Ballot for principals of outlying High Schools.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Rust, and Blake as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13.

S. W. Weston, head-master Roxbury High School, had 19 votes.
Geo. C. Mann, master West Roxbury High School, had 19 "
Benjamin Wormelle, master Brighton High School, had 19 "
John O. Norris, master East Boston High School, had 19 "

and were accordingly declared elected for a term ending March 31, 1882.

The Chair read a communication from the Bunker Hill Monument Association, thanking the School Committee for the use of the hall of the Charlestown High School-house on June 17th.

Communication from Bunker Hill Monument Association.

Placed on file.

Mr. Bowditch, for the Special Committee, to whom was referred — June 28 — the petition of the Industrial School Association, reported that the following orders ought to pass: —

Report of Special Committee on Industrial Education.

Ordered, That the principals of the Dwight and Sherwin Schools be authorized to accept the liberal offer of the Industrial School Association of Boston, and to permit such of their pupils to receive the instruction thus tendered, as may, in their judgment, be best fitted to profit by it; the instruction to be given at such times as will least interfere with the progress of the pupils in their regular studies.

Ordered, That the above-mentioned principals be instructed to report to the Board the results of the instruction thus given, at the end of the school year.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Additional accommodations for East Boston High School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for the East Boston High School.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

Special assignment; text-books in physics.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the special assignment, viz.: Order No. 3, of the report of the Committee on Text-books, concerning text-books in High Schools, was considered.

ORDER No. 3. — *Ordered*, That "Cooley's New Text-Book of Physics" or "Avery's Physics" be authorized, in place of "Norton's Natural Philosophy."

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Superintendent was requested to express his opinion on the books in question.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that, as the High Schools are now organized, the reason for having one book only is somewhat lessened; that Cooley's is the better book.

The question was, on the motion of Mr. Blake [See Min., p. 166], that the order be amended by striking out "or Avery's Physics," and adding to the order the words "in all of the High Schools."

The motion was lost.

The question then recurred, on the motion of Mr. Blake, to amend the order [See Min., p. 143] by adding the following: "and that 'Irving's Sketch Book' and 'Harkness's Latin Reader' be authorized as text-books, and that 'American Poems with Biographical Sketches and Notes,' and 'Selections from American Authors — Franklin, Adams, Cooper, and Longfellow,' — be stricken from the list of text-books."

Passed.

The order as amended was lost, 17 not voting in the affirmative. Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the vote whereby the order was lost was reconsidered.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the order so that it read: —

Ordered, That "Cooley's New Text-book of Physics," or "Avery's Physics," be authorized in place of "Norton's Natural Philosophy;" the decision as to which book shall be used in each school to be made by the Committee on High Schools.

Passed.

The order passed as amended, 17 voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the rank of Sarah J. Baker, principal of the Dillaway School, be that of a sub-master with the salary of that rank. Rank and salary of Sarah J. Baker.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was —

Ordered, That no public presentation of flowers to any pupils, be permitted in our schools on any exhibition day. Presentation of flowers to pupils at exhibitions.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was —

Ordered, That the Committee on Rules and Regulations be instructed to report amendments to the regulations in conformity with the order relating to the course of instruction in High Schools passed at the last meeting of the Board. Amendments, to regulations of High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to take measures to furnish the gymnasium of the Latin and English High Schools. Furnishing of gymnasium for Latin and English High Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, offered the following: —

Enlargement of yard of Lexington-street school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase an additional lot of land to enlarge the yard of the Lexington-street School-house.

Read, and referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Salary of Secretary and of Auditing Clerk.

Ordered, That the salary of the Secretary and of the Auditing Clerk be fixed at the rate of $2,500 each per annum, until otherwise ordered, to date from April 1, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board adjourned at five minutes after eleven o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 13, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams, Bowditch, Fleming, Perkins, and Rust.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Bunker Hill District. — Julia L. Adams, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881. Resignations of teachers.

Central District. — Mary E. Brooks and Mary E. Driscoll, fourth assistants, Sept. 1, 1881.

Comins District. — Annie E. Clark, second assistant, Primary Department, Sept. 1, 1881.

Gibson District. — Grace St. L. Urann, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Hancock District. — Florence E. Dexter, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Geo. J. Tufts, second assistant, Sept. 5, 1881.

Lincoln District. — Lavinia B. Pendleton, third assistant, Sept. 5, 1881.

Mather District. — Annie L. Jenkins, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Phillips District. — Emily A. Moulton, first assistant, Sept. 5, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Harriette M. Burroughs, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Warren District. — Abby C. Lewis, second assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Wells District. — Alice M. Brown, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Adams District. — Susan E. Geyer, third assistant, from Sept. 5, to Sept. 10, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

West Roxbury High. — Edna F. Calder, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1881.

Mather District. — Mary B. Corr, third assistant, from Oct. 4, 1881.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Charlestown High. — Sarah Shaw, fourth assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the East Boston High School, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Comins District. — Caroline D. Putnam, fourth assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Central District, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; election of officers.

Mr. Finney, for the Committee on Truant Officers, reported the following nominations for truant officers for the remainder of the school year 1881–82.

Chase Cole, *Chief;* Charles E. Turner, Geo. M.

Felch, George Murphy, James Bragdon, Abraham M. Leavitt, Edward F. Mecuen, Charles S. Wooffindale, Hannibal F. Ripley, Warren A. Wright, Dennis Moore, Jeremiah M. Swett, Samuel McIntosh, Warren J. Stokes, James P. Leeds, Richard W. Walsh, William Sullivan.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Salaries of truant officers.

Mr. Finney, for the same committee, in accordance with the requirement of Sect. 54 of the Rules, reported recommending that the salaries of the truant officers for the school year 1881–82 be continued at the same rates as those of last year.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Finney presented the following: —

Reinstatement of Tales from the Arabian Nights and Six Popular Tales as supplementary reading.

Whereas, On the twenty-eighth day of June, the records state that the first order proposed in the report of the Committee on Text-Books on supplementary reading was amended by striking out "Six Stories from Arabian Nights" and "Popular Tales" (first and second series);

And whereas the statutes require that a change in the school-books should be supported by a vote of two-thirds of the whole School Committee, notice of such intended change having been given at a previous meeting of said committee; and whereas the notice required by the statute was not given, and the vote was therefore invalid, —

Ordered, That the vote amending said order be annulled, and that said books be continued as text-books for supplementary reading, in accordance with the said order, as proposed by said Committee on Text-Books, under the directions of the several committees in charge.

The preamble was adopted, and the order passed.

Additional primary accommodations in Lowell District.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional accommodations for pupils in the Chestnut-avenue Primary School, Lowell District.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Ellen H. Holt.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Ellen H. Holt, fourth assistant in the Lowell District.

Leave of absence to Helen O. Wyman.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Dec. 1, 1881, be granted to Helen O. Wyman, fourth assistant in the Lowell District.

Leave of absence to Ada L. McKean.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Oct. 1, 1881, be granted to Ada L. McKean, fourth assistant in the Dearborn District.

Leave of absence to Louise M. Epmeyer.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Dec. 1, 1881, be granted to Louisa M. Epmeyer, third assistant in the Dearborn District.

Leave of absence to Kate M. Murphy.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Kate M. Murphy, third assistant in the Comins District; and

Emma E. Lawrence, substitute.

Ordered, That Emma E. Lawrence be approved as a substitute for Miss Murphy.

Leave of absence to Mabel F. Wheaton.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Mabel F. Wheaton, third assistant in the Dudley District.

John O'Driscoll, substitute.

Ordered, That John O'Driscoll be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Dudley District.

Death of H. Amelia Smith.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, reported the death of H. Amelia Smith, late third assistant in the Lewis District.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Elizabeth A. Turner, third assistant in the Emerson District; and

Leave of absence to Elizabeth A. Turner.

Ordered, That Mary A. D. McLane be approved as a substitute for Miss Turner.

M. A. D. McLane, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Ordered, That the Committee on Salaries be instructed to report the salary for the grade of sub-master in the Grammar Schools to accord with the present regulations.

Salary of sub-master in Grammar Schools.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be requested to require, if practicable, that in municipal elections, ballots for members of the School Committee shall be cast separate from those for other municipal officers.

Ballots for members of School Committee at municipal elections.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 138, duties of Supervisors; amendment proposed.

Section 138. Substitute the following for the section: —

"Annually, in the month of March, the Superintendent shall divide the city into districts, and shall assign one to the care of each supervisor; he may also at any time assign to a supervisor special work in any district. The supervisors shall visit the schools to which they are assigned as often as practicable; shall, once a year, at least, carefully examine each teacher's method of conducting a school, and shall freely suggest to principals and primary teachers any measures of improvement that may seem needed. On or before February 15 the results of these examina-

tions shall be recorded in suitable books, kept in the supervisors' office, and open only to the inspection of the Board and the Superintendent. This record shall be approved by the Board of Supervisors; and, in the case of teachers recorded as unsatisfactory, it shall be based upon the examination of at least two supervisors.

"Before February 25 the Secretary of the Board shall send to each teacher a sealed envelope, containing a copy of the supervisor's record for the year upon that teacher's work."

Section 160, duties of principals; amendment proposed.

SECTION 160. Add the following to the section: —

"The principals shall receive and consider all suggestions from the supervisors for improvement in methods of teaching and discipline, and shall seek to coöperate with the supervisors in efforts to improve their respective schools."

Read, and referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Annual report of Committee on Evening Schools.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, submitted the annual report of that committee, which, on motion of Mr. Hobbs, was laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Opinion of Corporation Counsel on requiring a money deposit from pupils of Evening High School.

Mr. Reed, for the same committee, presented the following opinion from the Corporation Counsel, on the subject of requiring a money deposit from pupils admitted to the Evening High School: —

In my opinion, the action of the School Committee is not legal; that they have not the right to require the deposits, or to impose a pecuniary penalty, for irregularity in attendance.

J. P. HEALY,
Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Reed offered the following: —

Ordered, That the action of the Board requiring a deposit of two dollars from pupils entering the Evening High School be rescinded.

Order rescinded; money deposit from pupils of Evening High School.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the vote was reconsidered.

Reconsideration.

After discussion the order passed by a vote of 12 to 3.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Ordered, That Lizzie B. Ladd be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Dwight District.

Lizzie B. Ladd, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Mary Murphy, third assistant in the Quincy District.

Leave of absence to Mary Murphy.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Resignation of Vice-President Wm. H. Finney.

BOSTON, Sept. 13, 1881.

MY DEAR SIR, — The numerous and increasing responsibilities devolving upon me in connection with my membership of the Board, in addition to my business engagements, compel me to seek relief by a relinquishment of public official duties.

I therefore present my resignation as a member of the Boston School Committee, to take effect immediately.

It is not without regret that I sever a connection which in many respects has been of the pleasantest character.

I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments of the kindness and consideration which I have received from you, from each and all of the other members, and from the officers and employés of the Board.

With great respect, I remain your obedient servant,

WM. H. FINNEY.

TO THE HONORABLE FREDERICK O. PRINCE,
President of the Boston School Committee.

Committee to confer with Mr. Finney on resignation.

Mr. Moran moved that Mr. Finney be requested to withdraw his letter of resignation, and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Finney on the subject.

Passed.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Moran, Crowley, and Blake as the above committee.

On motion of Mr. Fox, His Honor the Mayor was added to the committee.

Renomination of special teachers of French and German.

Mr. Flint moved that the Committee on High Schools be authorized to renominate the special teachers of French and German in the High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the Superintendent was asked to express his opinion.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that when his opinion was asked by the Committee on High Schools he had expressed grave doubts as to the usefulness of the teaching usually given by foreigners. Sometimes, though rarely, a well-educated French or German teacher, having the power to hold the attention of a class and knowing thoroughly the art of teaching, could be found; but usually foreign teachers lack all these qualifications. It is almost always necessary to have the regular teacher present with the class when the foreign teacher is giving the exercise. Except in point of pronunciation this exercise is of very little benefit to the class. What we want for the teaching of French and German is an American teacher thoroughly trained in one or both those languages. That has been found to be the most effectual way both in school and at college. So much for the general question. But there was, in the present case, another element which should be considered. The special teachers of French and German now in the service of the

city had received no intimation that their services would not be required after the 1st of September. After a pretty careful examination of the Minutes, he had failed to discover any record from which a special teacher of a foreign language could have inferred that his services would no longer be wanted. The only thing on record is in the preamble to the report of the Committee on Nominations. There is no reason for presuming that these teachers had a knowledge of this document. All the circumstances, therefore, had led them to infer that they had been reëlected in April last, just as they had been reëlected in previous years, to serve for one year more. Altogether the circumstances of the case constituted a strong appeal *ad misericordiam.*

Petitions for retention of special teachers of French and German.

Mr. Flint stated that he had received petitions from all of the High Schools, praying for the retention of these special teachers.

Mr. Flint's motion passed.

Mr. Hyde moved that the order limiting the expenses of evening schools be taken from the table.

Special assignment; expense of evening schools.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the subject was specially assigned to 8 o'clock of the next regular meeting of the Board.

Mr. Hobbs moved to adjourn.

Lost.

Report of Committee on Salaries; Orders 8 and 9.

On motion of Mr. Reed, Orders 8 and 9, of the Report of the Committee on Salaries, were taken from the table.

Salaries of principal and assistants of Evening High School.

8. *Ordered*, That the salary of the Principal of the Evening High School be $40 per week; and the salaries of the assistants in that school be $20 per week.

Salaries of assistants in Evening Elementary Schools.

9. *Ordered*, That the salaries of the assistants in the Evening Elementary Schools be $6.25 per week.

On motion of Mr. Flint, Order 8 was amended by substituting $30 for $40 per week, by a vote of 8 to 5.

Order 8 passed as amended.

Mr. Fox moved to amend Order 9 by substituting $8 for $6.25 per week.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the motion by substituting $7.50 for $8 per week.

Accepted by Mr. Fox.

Mr. Fox's motion as amended passed.

Order 9 passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board adjourned at half-past nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Sept. 27, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams, Bowditch, Finney, Fox, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Mr. Moran presented the following resolutions: — Resolutions on the death of President James A. Garfield.

Whereas, in the inscrutable ways of Divine Providence, our country and all human society have been visited with a shocking calamity, in the assassination of our late beloved President James A. Garfield; and

Whereas, the distinguished victim of this revolting deed was one eminent as a scholar, teacher, soldier, statesman, and exemplary civil officer, possessing the qualities that combine to make a great and good man; therefore

Resolved, That the members of the School Board of Boston, individually and collectively, deem it most proper to express their extreme sorrow at the loss the country and society have sustained in the death of our late Chief Magistrate, and that our grief and indignation are intensified in recalling the treacherous crime which produced so dreadful a result.

Resolved, That we deplore the death of our late lamented President in an especial manner because of his relation to the object which this committee repre-

sents, of his interest and enthusiasm in the cause of moral and intellectual instruction, remembering his successful efforts to secure an education for himself, and, later, his labor and zeal as a teacher in implanting in younger minds the seeds of knowledge.

Resolved, That we hereby testify to our heartfelt sympathy with his devoted wife and children in this, their great affliction.

Rules suspended.

Unanimously adopted by a rising vote, under a suspension of the rules.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Sarah A. Winsor, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Central District. — Martha H. Ames, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Dudley District. — Luette B. James, third assistant, Sept. 20, 1881, and Joanna Monroe, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Franklin District. — Florence Dix, third assistant, Sept. 6, 1881.

Frothingham District. — Oriana H. Morgan, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Maggie J. Leary, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Phillips District. — Elizabeth L. West, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Prescott District. — Mary E. Smith, fourth assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Francis McDonald, third assistant, Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Chapman District. — Fidelia D. Merrick, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Comins District. — Elizabeth Kiggen and Catherine A. Mulrey, from Sept. 19, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Laura S. Russell, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Lowell District. — Josephine L. Goddard and Henrietta Nichols, from Sept. 12 and 21, 1881, respectively.

Shurtleff District. — Lena J. Crosby, from Sept. 16, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Charles Sumner District. — Dora M. Leonard, fourth assistant, from Sept. 15, 1881.

Comins District. — Amoritta E. Esilman, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5 to 16, 1881.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. Peabody, third assistant, from Sept. 5 to 19, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Elizabeth A. Mahoney, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Latin School. — James A. Beatley, junior master, fourth year, from Sept. 7, 1881, and George W. Rollins, junior master, seventh year, from Sept. 12, 1881.

Adams District. — Mary E. Symonds, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Bunker Hill District. — Emma F. Black, third assistant, and Mary D. Richardson, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Central District. — Mary A. Boland, third assistant, from Sept. 13, 1881; Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant, and Mary E. Parsons, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Comins District. — Jane E. Gormley and Della G. Robinson, fourth assistants, from Sept. 19 and 5, 1881, respectively.

Dudley District. — Lucy G. Peabody, third assistant, from Sept. 19, 1881.

Lewis District. — Martha C. Gerry, third assistant, fifth year, and Alice O'Neil, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Lowell District. — Fannie E. Winchell, fourth assistant, from Sept. 12, 1881.

Lyman District. — Lucy J. Lothrop, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Prescott District. — Mary W. Smith, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Warren District. — Lena S. Weld, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Accepted.

Reëlection of Samuel C. Smith.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nomination for reëlection: —

English High School. — Samuel C. Smith, junior master, from Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Reëlection of special teachers of French and German.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the following nominations of special teachers of languages in High Schools, for reëlection from Sept. 1, 1881: —

French. — Marie C. Ladreyt, Marie de Maltchycé, Henri Morand, Eugene Raymond, Philippe de Sénancour.

German. — Ernst C. F. Krauss, John F. Stein.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the following nomination for reëlection: — Reëlection of Alla F. Young.

Charlestown High School. — Alla F. Young, fourth assistant, from Sept. 1, 1881.

Mr. Plummer stated that as the numbers in the school scarcely warrant the nomination, but the classification seems to necessitate it, the committee ask a suspension of the rules to admit of the reëlection.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, reported the transfer of Sarah L. Miner, fourth assistant in the Girls' High School, to the position of fourth assistant in the Roxbury High School, the transfer to take effect Sept. 28, 1881. Transfer of Sarah L. Miner.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Sarah L. Miner, fourth assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in that grade, to date from Sept. 1, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service. Salary of Sarah L. Miner.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Emma F. Burrill, fourth assistant in the Brimmer District. Leave of absence to Emma F. Burrill.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, it was

Ordered, That H. Winslow Warren be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the English High School. H. Winslow Warren, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Samuel Swan.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Dec. 1, 1881, be granted to Samuel Swan, master of the Phillips School.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the same committee, it was

Ida M. Metcalf and Frederic E. Stratton, substitutes.

Ordered, That Ida M. Metcalf and Frederic E. Stratton be approved as substitutes for longer than one month in the Phillips District.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah A. M. Turner.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Dec. 5, 1881, be granted to Sarah A. M. Turner, fourth assistant in the Phillips District; and

Jeannette A. Thompson, substitute.

Ordered, That Jeannette A. Thompson be approved as a substitute for Miss Turner for the same time.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the Committee on the Second Division, it was

Leave of absence to Alice T. Smith.

Ordered, That leave of absence for two months be granted to Alice T. Smith, fourth assistant in the Harvard District; and

Grace H. Bredeen, substitute.

Ordered, That Grace H. Bredeen be approved as a substitute for Miss Smith.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah E. Leonard.

Ordered, That leave of absence for three months be granted to Sarah E. Leonard, third assistant in the Harvard District; and

Alice Simpson, substitute.

Ordered, That Alice Simpson be approved as a substitute for Miss Leonard.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, for the same committee, it was

Jenny F. White, substitute.

Ordered, That Jennie F. White be approved as a

substitute for longer than one month in the Bunker Hill District.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That additional accommodations be provided for Grammar-School pupils in the Dillaway District. Additional accommodations, Dillaway District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the trees removed from the yard of the Dillaway school-house. Removal of trees from yard of Dillaway school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide additional Primary accommodations in the Comins District. Additional primary accommodations, Comins District.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Martha C. Gerry, third assistant in the Lewis District, be placed upon the seventh year's service in that grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881. Salary of Martha C. Gerry.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That Laura E. Andrews be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Dearborn District. Laura E. Andrews, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah H. Robbins.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Sarah H. Robbins, third assistant in the Lewis District; and

Cordelia G. Torrey, substitute.

Ordered, That Cordelia G. Torrey be approved as a substitute for Miss Robbins.

On motion of Mr. Moran, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Susan A. Dutton.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Susan A. Dutton, third assistant in the Lewis District; and

Jeanie P. White, substitute.

Ordered, That Jeanie P. White be approved as a substitute for Miss Dutton.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

High and Grammar school pupils to attend Institute Fair.

Ordered, That the Superintendent be authorized to make arrangements for the pupils of High and Grammar Schools to visit the Exhibition of the New England Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute, to which they have been invited by the Directors.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Eliza W. Jones.

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Nov. 1, 1881, be granted to Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Manikin for Normal School.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to furnish a manikin to the Normal School.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

Attendance at Normal School of post-graduates employed as special assistants.

Ordered, That members of the post-graduate class in the Normal School who are appointed as special assistants be excused from service as such assistants two mornings in each week, for the purpose of attendance on the post-graduate instruction.

Read, and referred to the Committee on the Normal School.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Resignation of Dr. Henry P. Bowditch.

JAMAICA PLAIN, Sept. 19, 1881.

Hon. F. O. PRINCE, *President of Board of School Committee*: —

DEAR SIR, — Finding that the pressure of professional and other duties does not permit me to give that amount of attention to the affairs of the public schools which members of the Board should at all times be ready to bestow, I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the School Committee, requesting you to express to my associates on the Board the regret which I feel at being thus compelled to terminate relations which have been the source of great pleasure to me during the past four years.

Yours respectfully,

H. P. BOWDITCH.

Laid on the table.

Report of committee to confer with Mr. Finney on his resignation.

Mr. Moran, for the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Wm. H. Finney on the subject of his resignation from the School Board, reported that they have received from Mr. Finney the following communication: —

Communication from William H. Finney.

2 PEMBERTON SQUARE, BOSTON, Sept. 24, 1881.

GENTLEMEN, — I am deeply sensible of the honor conferred upon me by the School Committee in their vote by which you were appointed a committee to request a withdrawal of my letter of resignation presented on the 13th inst.; and I desire to thank you for the kind manner in which you have made known to me the wishes of the Board.

I have given the subject careful consideration, and while I am desirous of acceding to any request of the School Board, compatible with a proper discharge of duty and not detrimental to my own health, I feel compelled to insist upon my resignation.

It appears to me that there is, at least, some doubt of the legal right of a person to withdraw his resignation of an office after it has been presented; and, although you kindly assure me that the question would never be raised in my case, I am decidedly of the opinion that justice to the School Board, to the schools, and to the people requires that no act of mine should render it *possible* that the legality of any future action of the School Committee shall be clouded by informality.

With these opinions, and without reference to other considerations which have been presented to me, I have come to the conclusion I have announced.

I beg to thank you once more, and through you the members of the Board, for your and their kindness, and I remain,

Yours sincerely,

WM. H. FINNEY.

Hon. Fred'k O. Prince,
Dr. John B. Moran,
John C. Crowley, Esq.,
Dr. John G. Blake,
Committee.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Crowley moved that the subject be laid on the table.

Lost.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the vote was reconsidered whereby the resignation of Mr. Bowditch was laid on the table.

Resignations of Messrs. Bowditch and Finney accepted.

The resignations of Mr. Bowditch and Mr. Finney were accepted.

Mr. Moran offered the following: —

Convention to fill vacancies in School Board proposed.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen to inform that body that vacancies exist in the Board of School Committee, caused by the resignations of William H. Finney and Henry P. Bowditch, and proposing that a convention of said Board of Aldermen and School Committee be held at 7.30 P.M., on the 11th day of October, 1881, in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, for the purpose of filling said vacancies for the remainder of this municipal year, and that public notice thereof be given according to law.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the order was amended by adding the following: —

"And that the matter be referred to the Committee

on Elections, who shall consult with the chairman of the Board of Aldermen, and report to the convention suitable candidates to fill the vacancies."

The order passed as amended.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the vote was reconsidered whereby the order was passed fixing the salary of the principal of the Evening High School at $30 per week. [See Minutes, Sept. 13, p. 196.]

Reconsideration; salary of principal of Evening High School.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the order was amended by substituting $30 for $40, by a vote of 10 to 8.

The order passed as amended.

Mr. Chapin presented a communication signed by Caleb Emery and 74 others, teachers in the public schools of Charlestown, remonstrating against the dismissal of Sumner P. White from the truant force.

Remonstrance against dismissal of Sumner P. White from truant force.

Mr. Chapin also presented a petition signed by Wm. T. Van Nostrand and 192 others, citizens of Charlestown, praying that a hearing be given on the subject of the dismissal of Sumner P. White from the truant force.

Petition for hearing on dismissal of Sumner P. White.

The communications were read, and referred to the Committee on Truant Officers.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the special assignment was considered, viz., the order limiting the expenses of the evening schools.

Special assignment; limitation of expenses of evening schools.

Ordered, That expenditures for evening schools of all grades be limited to the sum of $15,000 per annum.

Mr. Flint moved to amend the order by inserting after the word "grades" the words "not including the Evening Drawing Schools."

Lost, by a vote of 5 to 9.

Mr. Hyde moved to amend the order by substituting $20,000 for $15,000.

Lost.

The order was lost.

Mr. Hobbs moved that Mr. Hyde be added to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Rules suspended. Geo. B. Hyde appointed on Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, the rules were suspended, and Mr. Hyde was added to the Committee on Evening Schools.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, who were instructed — Sept. 13 — to report the salary for the grade of sub-master in the Grammar Schools, to accord with the present regulations, reported that the following orders ought to pass : —

Salary of sub-masters of the second grade.

Ordered, That the salary of a sub-master, second grade, be for the first year $1,500, with an annual increase of $60 till the maximum salary of $2,280 is reached; and that the sub-masters now in the service of the city be each credited with a sufficient number of years of service to insure him his present salary.

Ordered, That the salary of no sub-master formerly of the grade of second sub-master be reduced, but continued at the present salary until his years of service entitle him to an increase; those on the maximum salary of that grade to be considered as on their sixth year of service, to date from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 5 — an order concerning the salary of Sarah J. Baker, principal of the Dillaway School, reported, recommending the passage of the following order, under a suspension of the rules : —

Salary of Sarah J. Baker.

Ordered, That the salary of Sarah J. Baker, principal of the Dillaway School, be at the rate of twenty-two hundred and eighty dollars per annum ($2,280), to date from Sept. 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules.

Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 28 — an order that Eliza F. Russell, first assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, reported that as the case of Miss Russell is not included in those provided for by the order of the Board passed June 28, with regard to the salaries of first assistants, the committee recommend that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Committee on Salaries; salary of Eliza F. Russell.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — an order relative to the salaries of truant officers, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That the salaries of the truant officers for the year 1881–82 be the same as for the previous year.

Salaries of truant officers.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom were referred — June 14th — [See Minutes, pp. 148, 149] certain orders restricting the admission of pupils to the Evening Drawing Schools, reported that the committee, questioning their right to impose these restrictions, have asked the opinion of the Corporation Counsel on the subject, and received the following reply: —

Report of Committee on Drawing and Music; on requirements for admission to Evening Drawing Schools.

While it is undoubtedly competent to prescribe all reasonable qualifications as to age, acquirements, etc., for entering the drawing schools, in my opinion the committee transcend their powers when they undertake to direct or control the pursuits of the pupils after leaving the schools.

Opinion of Corporation Counsel.

J. P. HEALY,
Corporation Counsel.

The committee therefore recommend that the orders ought not to pass.

The report was accepted.

Election of principals of Evening Drawing Schools.

Miss Peabody, for the same committee, reported for confirmation the following nominations of principals of the Evening Drawing Schools: —

George H. Bartlett, master.
Otto Fuchs "
A. J. Anthony, head assistant.
Charles M. Carter "

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Copies of Plan of Instruction for Evening Drawing Schools.

On motion of Miss Peabody, for the same committee, it was

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Plan of Instruction for Evening Drawing Schools be printed.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the Board adjourned at half-past nine oclock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 11, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Mr. Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Convention to fill vacancies in School Board.

The Chair read a notification from the Board of Aldermen of their concurrence in the proposition to form a convention with this Board, on this day, and at this time, for the purpose of filling the vacancies in this committee caused by the resignations of Wm. H. Finney and Henry P. Bowditch; and the two Boards assembled accordingly.

IN CONVENTION.

His Honor the Mayor presiding.

Report of Committee on Elections; candidates for vacancies in School Board.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Elections, in consultation with the chairman of the Board of Aldermen, submitted the names of Thomas Gaffield and William C. Williamson as candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Finney; and Dan W. Smalley and J. Francis Dorsey as candidates to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry P. Bowditch.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, the report was amended by adding the name of John E. Blakemore as a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry P. Bowditch.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the report was further amended by adding the name of Wm. H. Finney, as a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Finney.

The report was accepted as amended.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the convention proceeded to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Wm. H. Finney.

The Chair appointed Alderman Viles and Messrs. Spaulding and Gallagher a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 30; necessary for a choice, under the statute, 18.

Dan W. Smalley had 1 vote; J. Francis Dorsey, 2; Thomas Gaffield, 3; Wm. C. Williamson, 7; Wm. H. Finney had 17.

There being no choice, the convention proceeded to a second ballot.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 30; necessary for a choice, 18.

Wm. H. Finney elected as a member of the School Committee.

Wm. C. Williamson had 2 votes; Thomas Gaffield, 5; Wm. H. Finney had 23, and was accordingly declared elected a member of the School Committee for the term ending the second Monday in January, 1882.

The convention proceeded to ballot for a member to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry P. Bowditch.

The Chair appointed the same committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes to be 30; necessary for a choice, 18.

Wm. C. Williamson had 2 votes; John E. Blakemore, 2; J. Francis Dorsey, 11. Dan W. Smalley

had 15 votes. There being no choice, the convention proceeded to a second ballot.

J. Francis Dorsey had 10 votes; Dan W. Smalley had 20, and was accordingly declared elected a member of the School Committee for the term ending the second Monday in January, 1882.

Dan W. Smalley elected as a member of the School Committee.

The business of the convention having been accomplished, the convention dissolved.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

Report of Committee on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Fanny B. Dewey, fourth assistant, and Annie M. Mitchell, third assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Dwight District. — Fannie L. Willard, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Sarah J. Davis, fourth assistant, Oct. 1, 1881.

Wells District. — Annie B. Gould, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Bennett District. — Anna M. Dupee, from Sept. 28, 1881.

Brimmer District. — Winnifred C. Folan, from Oct. 10, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Annie C. Colburn, from Oct. 4, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Central District. — Annie C. Gott, fourth assistant, from June 16 to June 26, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Brimmer District. — Winella W. Stratton, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Dwight District. — Lizzie B. Ladd, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Franklin District. — Abby H. Babson, third assistant, from Sept. 7, 1881.

Gibson District. — Charlotte E. Andrews, third assistant, 5th year, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Nellie H. Crowell, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881; and Alice G. Stockman, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Accepted.

Election of principals of Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, nominated for election the following-named principals of the Evening Elementary Schools for 1881–82, the term of service to begin Sept. 26, 1881: —

Anderson Street . . . John A. Bennett.
Bigelow School-house, S. Boston, George Oak.
Comins School-house, Roxb'y . Frank L. Washburn.
Dearborn School-house, Roxb'y, John P. Slocum.
Eliot School-house . . . Salem D. Charles.
Hudson Street . . . Benson B. Banker.
Lincoln School-house, S. Boston, George J. Tufts.
Lyman School-house, E. Boston, Frank E. Dimick.
Old Franklin School-house . Frederick W. Bliss.

Warren School-house, Charl'tn, George G. Pratt.
Warrenton Street . . . Wm. G. Babcock.
Wells School-house . . . Edward C. Carrigan.
Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fox the Board proceeded to ballot.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fox, Rust, and Crowley a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 19; necessary for a choice, 13.

The above-named candidates had 19 votes each, and were accordingly declared elected as principals of the designated Evening Schools.

Confirmation of assistants in Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in Evening Elementary Schools, 1881–82: —

Anderson Street. — Rosa E. G. Hazard, Elizabeth N. Smith, Sarah E. Stumpf, from Sept. 27.

Bigelow School-house, South Boston. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, Rebecca L. Dorsey, Kate E. Fitzgerald, Rosanna Follan, Carrie T. Hale, Rufus P. Hubbard, Hannah L. McGlinchey, Mary E. McGraw, Rebecca F. Newcomb, Fanny L. Rogers, from Sept. 27.

Comins School-house, Roxbury. — Abbie E. Batchelder, Sarah E. Deane, Hattie D. Mulliken, from Sept. 27; Sylvia A. Richards, Kate W. Sparhawk, Sept. 29; Elizabeth Kiggen, Sept. 30; Carrie H. Summers, Oct. 4.

Dearborn School-house, Roxbury. — Moses Berger, Helen M. Graves, Emma L. Merrill, John O'Driscoll, Edward E. Sparhawk, from Sept. 27; Martha W. Hanley, Oct. 4; Arthur C. Jackson, Oct. 5.

Eliot School-house. — Henry Melville, Daniel J. Mullen, from Sept. 27; Mrs. Margaret Coyle, Harriet A. Farrow, Emma S. Fisk, Kate Haushalter, Fannie E. Leahy, Sept. 28.

Hudson Street. — Charles A. Babbitt, from Sept. 27; Mary E. Corbett, Mary J. Leahy, Sept. 29; Lulu A. L. Hill, Oct. 4; Emma G. Brown, Oct. 7.

Lincoln School-house, South Boston. — Elizabeth R. Cummings, Charles R. Darling, from Sept. 27; Arthur P. French, Laura S. Russell, Sept. 28; Edith M. Bradford, Elizabeth A. Noonan, Sept. 29.

Lyman School-house, East Boston. — Mary A. Damon, Mary S. Low, Fidelia D. Merrick, Nellie B. Tucker, from Sept. 29.

Old Franklin School-house. — M. Lizzie Bryant, Mrs. Martha R. Griswold, Henrietta Nichols, Thomas F. Shaughnessy, from Sept. 27; Carrie L. Baker, Mary E. Noonan, Elizabeth E. O'Connell, Ida F. Taylor, Sept. 29.

Warren School-house, Charlestown. — Lucy M. Bosworth, Wm. A. Cottle, Jeannette A. Thompson, from Sept. 27; Mary A. Collins, Lucy M. A. Moore, Sept. 29.

Warrenton-street Chapel. — John L. Emmons, Martha Knight, Annie Nicholls, J. Thomas Vose, Samuel Weltch, from Sept. 27.

Wells School-house. — Mary L. Bibbey, Irene Fisher, Ida A. Merriam, Ella E. Morrill, Oscar J. Pfeiffer, Eudora F. Sumner, from Sept. 27; Mary W. Perry, Harriet E. Tower, Sept. 29; Mary E. Abercrombie, Oct. 4.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Report of Committee on Nominations, on rank of Emily M. Porter.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 21 — an order relative to the

rank of Emily M. Porter reported, recommending that the order be referred back to the Committee on the Eighth Division.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence be granted to Elizabeth P. Boynton, third assistant in the Harris District; and

Leave of absence to Elizabeth P. Boynton.

Ordered, That Mary F. Haire be approved as a substitute for Miss Boynton.

Mary F. Haire, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the Board proceeded to the election of a Vice-President.

Ballot for Vice-President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Fox, Rust, and Crowley a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 20. Necessary for a choice, 10. James W. Fox had 1 vote, George M. Hobbs, 1; Chas. H. Reed, 3; Wm. H. Finney had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected.

Mr. Hobbs questioned the validity of the election of Mr. Finney as Vice-President, as he had not signified his acceptance of his election as a member of the School Committee.

Mr. Gallagher rose to a point of order that under the rule a week at least shall intervene between the order for filling the vacancy in the vice-presidency and the election.

The Chair decided the ballot for Vice-President to be null.

Mr. Rust offered the following: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the second class of the Wells School and the third class of the Hancock School.

Instruction in sewing in Wells and Hancock Schools.

Referred to the Committee on Sewing.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Maria E. Wood, substitute.

Ordered, That Maria E. Wood be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Bennett District.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Cora I. Bates.

Ordered, That Cora I. Bates, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed on the fifth year's service of that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Winship, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary E. Parsons.

Ordered, That Mary E. Parsons, third assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the third year of service in that grade, to date from September 5, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Winship, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Salary of Mary A. Boland.

Ordered, That Mary A. Boland, third assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the third year of service in that grade, to date from September 13, 1881, on account of previous acceptable service.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Rust, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Salary of Ellen F. Jones.

Ordered, That Ellen F. Jones, third assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon her seventh year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Rust, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish additional primary-school accommodations in the Wells District.

Additional primary accommodations, Wells District.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be directed to grant a certificate of service of the fourth grade to Mrs. Esther Meserve, on account of previous acceptable service.

Certificate of service to Esther Meserve.

Mr. Plummer presented a petition signed by Chas. R. McLean and 156 others, residents of Wards One and Two, praying that the free Evening Drawing School be continued in East Boston, as heretofore.

Petition for Evening Drawing School at East Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

On motion of Mr. Flint, it was

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide facilities for military drill in the district of the Roxbury High School.

Facilities for military drill in Roxbury High School District.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Ordered, That Mary E. Collins be approved as a substitute for longer than one month in the Brimmer District.

Mary E. Collins, substitute.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to devise some means of giving a better light to the two lowest front rooms of the Brimmer school-house.

Light in Brimmer School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Heating of halls in Tyler-street Primary school house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish some means of heating the halls of the Tyler-street Primary School-house.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses, with full powers.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Teacher of elocution in High Schools.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools consider the advisability of establishing the office of teacher of elocution in the High Schools.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Salary of John O. Godfrey.

Ordered, That John O. Godfrey, third assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon his seventh year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of rules.

Statistical tables in Doc. 18.

Mr. Moran called the attention of the Board to the statistical tables contained in Document 18 and the Appendix, and moved that the Superintendent be requested to explain the object of the tables at the end of the document.

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that the object of the latter part of Doc. 18 was to show how old the pupils are in each class in the schools, from the lowest Primary to the highest High-School class.

The average age of the pupils in each class in each school is not given, because that does not show what is wanted. What should be known with regard to the first-class of a Grammar School, for example, is the number of pupils in each year of their age, — how many are thirteen years old, fourteen, fifteen, or sixteen, and how many are seventeen years or older. This is stated in full with respect to every class in every school in the city. In judging of the condition and progress of a school, there are two questions to be answered: What do the pupils know, and how old are they when they know it?

The examinations held by the Supervisors and others answer the first question; Doc. 18 is intended to be a clear and full answer to the second question.

The facts set forth in the Appendix to Doc. 18 were first reported to the Committee on Examinations. It has been thought worth while to print them, for the purpose of showing how long it takes the pupils to complete the course of study in the Grammar Schools. It will be seen that a large proportion of the graduates have spent more than six years, and some of them eight and even nine years, in the Grammar Schools.

Mr. Hyde offered the following: —

Supplementary reading, cost and purchase of.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed to present to this Board the cost of supplementary reading to the present time, with an estimate of the additional expense necessary to carry out the plan for supplementary reading as contained in the report of the Committee on Text-books, Document 14, 1881.

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be instructed not to purchase any more supplementary reading until this subject is disposed of by this Board.

The first order passed.

The second order was laid on the table.

Annual report of Committee on Evening Schools.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the annual report of the Committee on Evening Schools was taken from the table, and accepted.

Annual report of Board of Supervisors.

The annual report of the Board of Supervisors was presented, and, on motion of Mr. Flint, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Report of Committee on Truant Officers; re-election of Sumner P. White.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Truant Officers, to whom were referred — September 27 — petitions relative to the reëlection of Sumner P. White, reported that, after a careful consideration of the whole

subject, they present the nomination of Sumner P. White as truant officer for the remainder of the school-year, 1881–82, the term of service to date from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Mr. Moran, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Amendment proposed: Sect. 54, age of truant officers.

Ordered, That the Rules be amended as follows: —

Section 54. — In the last line but one of the section, after the words "the Board," insert the following: "No person shall be apppointed as truant officer who is under twenty-five or over forty years of age, and no truant officer shall remain in the service after he has attained the age of sixty years; *provided*, that the rules as to age shall not apply to truant officers in the service of the city, January, 1882."

Mr. Winship moved to amend the order, by substituting "thirty" for "twenty-five," and "fifty" for "sixty."

Lost.

Mr. Moran moved that the rules be suspended to admit of the passage of the order.

Lost, by a vote of 7 to 11.

On motion of Mr. Winship, it was

Vacancy in office of Vice-President to be filled.

Ordered, That the vacancy in the office of Vice-President shall be filled at the next regular meeting of the Board.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher, it was

Number, term of service and cost of special assistants and temporary teachers from Feb. 1, 1881, to July 1, 1881.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to furnish to the School Board, at the next meeting, the whole number and term of service of special teachers employed in the Primary Schools of the city, from Feb. 1, 1881, to the close of the school year. Also, the whole number and term of service of temporary

teachers during that time, together with the cost per day of each class of such teachers; also, the entire cost for such special assistants and temporary teachers during the above time.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 28 — an order relative to the closing of the schools at the end of the year, reported that it is desirable to secure a greater uniformity in this respect, and recommended that the following order ought to pass: —

Amendment proposed, Section 203; exhibitions of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: Section 203, amended so as to read "There shall be exhibitions of the Grammar Schools on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, only, of the week preceding the fourth of July, and of the High Schools at such times during the same week as the Board may direct, etc."

Mr. Reed moved to amend the order so as to include the High Schools with the Grammar Schools.

The report was accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were instructed — July 5 — to report amendments to the Regulations, in conformity with the order relating to the course of instruction in the High Schools, passed by the Board June 28 [See page 163 of the Minutes], reported that the necessary amendments are contained in the following order: —

Amendment proposed, Section 253; course of study in High Schools.

Ordered, That the following be substituted for Section 253 of the Regulations: —

"Sect. 253. The course of study shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Committee on High Schools, and approved by the Board. An advanced course of one year more for such pupils as

have completed the three years' course shall be open to boys in the English High School, and to girls in the Girls' High School."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — May 10 — an order that the Regulations be amended, so as to conform to the provisions contained in the several orders, relative to the salaries of teachers, passed by the Board, reported that the necessary amendments are contained in the following order: —

Amendments proposed; salaries of teachers.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 218.

Section 218. In the fifth line of the section [page 49] substitute the word "six" for "five." In the sixth line, substitute the word "seventh" for "sixth," and in the second line, page 50, substitute the word "six" for "five."

Section 226.

Section 226, paragraph 2, strike out, in the fourth line, the words "the several ranks of instructors," and insert in place thereof the words "a first and second assistant." After the word "service," in the ninth line, insert the following: "The salary of a third assistant of the fourth grade shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding six years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the seventh and each subsequent year of service."

In the fifth line from the end of the section strike out the words "in a series of five years," and insert in place thereof the words "except the last in the series of years for the grade."

Section 246.

Sect. 246, paragraph 6, after the table on page 60,

in the fourth and sixth lines respectively, substitute the word "thirteen" for the word "ten."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, who were instructed — July 5 — to report amendments to the Regulations, in conformity with the action of the Board, relative to the Evening High School, reported that the necessary amendments are embodied in the following order: —

Regulations of Evening High Schools, amendments proposed.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Sect. 342.

Section 342. — In the fifth line, after the words "will permit," insert the following: "Pupils registering their names for admission to the Evening High School shall be required to state, in writing, the number of evenings per week that they will be able to attend; and no pupil shall be admitted who is unable to attend, at least, three evenings per week, without special permission from the Committee on Evening Schools. No person more than twenty-five years of age shall be allowed to attend the Evening High School, except by special permission of the Committee on Evening Schools."

Section 345.

Section 345. — Substitute the following for the section: —

"Section 345. — The course of study in the Evening High School shall include the following studies, and no others: English Composition and Penmanship, History of the United States, Commercial Arithmetic and Book-keeping, Elementary Algebra, Plane Geometry; and French, when it is made evident to the Committee on Evening Schools that the study of that language is necessary in the occupation the pupils follow, or intend to follow."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Report of Committee on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred — June 28 — an order concerning the sanitary accommodations of the Lexington-street school-house, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Sanitary accommodations, Lexington-street school-house.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to remove the sanitary accommodations from the yard of the Lexington-street school-house to the basement of the same building.

Accepted, and the order passed

Report of Com. on School-houses; enlargement of yard of Lexington-street school-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — July 5 — an order requesting the City Council to purchase an additional lot of land to enlarge the yard of the Lexington-street school-house, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School-houses; repairs in Sharp school-house.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order requesting the City Council to have the Sharp school-house, on Anderson street, thoroughly repaired, reported that the work being in progress no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School-houses; repairs in Way-street and Genesee-street school-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order requesting the City Council to cause the positions of the desks in the Way-street and Genesee-street schools to be changed, to furnish new blackboards to these schools, and to have the floors of the Genesee-street school-house relaid, reported that the repairs being in progress no further action is necessary.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order concerning improve-

ments in the urinals of the public schools, reported that the following order ought to pass: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to have the urinals partitioned off for individual use, in the boys' departments of all the public schools of Boston, where it has not already been done, and that the changes be made as early as practicable, and the same be adopted in all new buildings.

Improvements in urinals of public schools.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Fox offered the following: —

Ordered, That Effie B. Clark be granted a certificate of the fourth grade should the Supervisors find, on an examination given, that she had passed said examination, and that she shall be notified by the Secretary of the School Committee when the next examination takes place.

Fourth grade certificate to Effie B. Clark.

Referred to the Committee on Examinations.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, presented the annual report of that committee, which was accepted and ordered to be printed.

Annual report of Committee on Sewing.

The Chair read the following communication: —

OCTOBER 11, 1881.

To the President of the Boston School Board: —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby beg leave to tender my resignation as a member of the Committee on the Annual Report.

Respectfully,

BROOKS ADAMS.

Resignation of Brooks Adams from Committee on Annual Report.

Accepted.

The Chair appointed Mr. George A. Thayer as Chairman of the Committee on the Annual Report, in place of Mr. Adams, resigned.

Appointment of George A. Thayer on Committee on Annual Report.

Approved.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Sewing, to whom was referred — October 11 — an order relative to instruction in sewing in the Wells and Hancock

Report of Committee on Sewing: sewing in Wells and Hancock Schools.

Schools, reported that, as under the provisions of Section 234 of the Regulations, sewing may be extended to other classes than those specified in the section, on the joint recommendation of the Division Committee and the Committee on Sewing, they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That instruction in sewing be given to the second class of the Wells School and to the third class of the Hancock School.

Accepted, and the order passed.

John B. Moran appointed chairman of Committee on Supplies.

The Chair appointed John B. Moran as Chairman of the Committee on Supplies, in place of Wm. H. Finney, resigned.

Approved.

On motion of Mr. Rust, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes before ten o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Oct. 25, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams, Flint, Fox, Gallagher, and Perkins.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Credentials of Wm. H. Finney.

The credentials of Wm. H. Finney, as a member-elect of the School Committee, for the remainder of the municipal year, were presented and placed on file.

Mr. Finney appeared and took his seat.

Correction in name of Dan S. Smalley.

The Chair stated that it appeared from the records that Dan S. Smalley had been elected as a member of the School Committee under the name of Dan W. Smalley, and if no objection were raised Mr. Dan S. Smalley would be considered as duly elected a member of the School Committee.

There being no objection, Mr. Smalley appeared and took his seat.

Ballot for Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Moran, in conformity with the order of Oct. 11, the Board proceeded to ballot for a Vice-President.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Moran, Reed, and Crowley a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee having attended to that duty reported the whole number of votes to be 18. Necessary for a choice, 10.

Wm. H. Finney elected Vice-President.

Charles L. Flint had 1 vote; George M. Hobbs, 2; William H. Finney had 15 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as Vice-President.

The Chair read the following communication: —

2 Walnut st., Oct. 24, 1881.

Resignation of Charles C. Perkins from chairmanship of Com. on Drawing and Music.

His Honor the Mayor, *President of the School Committee:* —

Dear Sir, — The text-books of art education having been put back into the schools without the removal of those objectionable features pointed out by the Drawing Committee in the spring, and the systematic use of guide points adopted in them having been emphatically endorsed by the Director of Drawing in his letter to the Vice-President of the School Board, I cannot, without bearing a share of the responsibility for their use, continue to hold the position of chairman of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

I therefore respectfully offer my resignation of that office, and remain,

Very truly, your obedient servant,

CHARLES C. PERKINS.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the communication was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Reed, Mr. Perkins was requested to withdraw his resignation.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Mason st., Oct. 25, 1881.

Resignation of John B. Moran from Com. on Examinations.

To the President of the School Board: —

Please accept my resignation as a member of the Committee on Examinations.

Respectfully,

JOHN B. MORAN.

Accepted.

John C. Crowley appointed on Com. on Examinations.

The Chair appointed John C. Crowley to fill the vacancy.

Approved.

The Chair made the following appointments to fill vacancies on committees: — Appointments on committees.

William H. Finney as a member of the following committees: —

Primary School Instruction, Text-books, Supplies, Truant Officers, Normal School, Second Division, Seventh Division.

Dan S. Smalley as a member of the following committees: —

Horace Mann School, Nominations, School-houses, Eighth Division.

Charles T. Gallagher as a member of the Committee on High Schools.

Approved.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: — Report of Com. on Nominations.

RESIGNATIONS.

Adams District. — Mattie K. Borden, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1881. Resignations of teachers.

Dorchester-Everett District. — M. Rosalia Merrill, third assistant, Sept. 16, 1881.

Franklin District. — Caroline A. Mason, second assistant, Nov. 1, 1881.

Shurtleff District. — Margaret T. Pease, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Comins District. — Alice M. Johnson, from Oct. 10, 1881, and Helen M. Stevens, from Oct. 13, 1881. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Dearborn District. — Edith F. Parry, from Sept. 20, 1881.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Susie C. Hosmer, from Oct. 24, 1881.

Hancock District. — Agnes L. Dodge, from Oct. 6; Lizzie F. Fickett, from Oct. 1; and Lucy M. A. Moore, from Oct. 10, 1881.

Harris District. — Alice M. Murphy, from Oct. 10, 1881.

Wells District. — Elizabeth M. Ritter, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Lawrence District. — Charlotte R. Hale, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Andrew District. — Sarah E. Welch, fourth assistant, from Sept. 9, 1881.

Bowdoin District. — Barbara C. Farrington and Olive Ruggles, second assistants, Primary Department, and Mary S. Hosmer, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881, respectively.

Comins District. — Adaline Beal, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Dorchester-Everett District. — Addie J. Callender, fourth assistant, from Oct. 17, 1881.

Dudley District. — Elizabeth W. Pond, fourth assistant, fifth year, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Franklin District. — Margaret J. Crosby, second assistant, and Jennie E. Metcalf, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1881, respectively.

Frothingham District. — Mary E. Corbett, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Gaston District. — Mary B. Barry, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Florence I. Gleason, second assistant, fifth year, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Lincoln District. — Mattie F. Wright, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Mather District. — Grace A. Vose, fourth asssistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Phillips District. — Florida Y. Ruffin, fourth assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Quincy District. — John O'Driscoll, third assistant, fifth year, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Sherwin District. — Alice H. Goodall, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Wells District. — Mary F. Gargan, second assistant, Primary Department, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

FOR CONFIRMATION.

Harvard District. — Lucy A. Wilson, third assistant. Confirmation of a teacher.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Emma M. Savil, third assistant in the Bowditch District, to the position of third assistant in the Dorchester-Everett District, from Sept. 19, 1881. Transfer of Emma M. Savil.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rust, for the committee on the Third Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Mabel West, fourth assistant in the Bowdoin District; and, Leave of absence to Mabel West.

M. Lizzie Bryant, substitute.

Ordered, That M. Lizzie Bryant be approved as a substitute for Miss West.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Vote of thanks to Executive Committee of N.E. Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be given to the Executive Committee of the New England Manufacturers' and Mechanics' Institute, for the entertainment and instruction enjoyed by the pupils of the public schools in their visits to the exhibition.

Mr. Finney addressed the Chair as follows: —

Mr. President, — Some months ago a few ladies interested in the Prince School, and having children attending that school, in view of the great interest which you have on many occasions manifested in the subject of popular education, conceived the idea of procuring your portrait, to be placed in the large hall of the school-house bearing your name, as a fitting testimonial of their interest in the school and of their regard for you as a gentleman, a scholar, and chief magistrate of our beloved city.

The idea met with a quick and hearty response from those to whom it was communicated, and in a very short time from the inception of the project, the ladies who had been its chief promoters — Mrs. Edward Foote and Mrs. George H. Gay — felt authorized to request you to sit for your portrait for the purpose I have mentioned.

The artist selected was Mr. Edgar Parker, of this city. The portrait is completed, and is now ready for presentation to the school at such time as the School Committee may appoint.

The portrait, I believe, meets with the unqualified approbation and admiration of such of your friends and fellow-citizens as have had the pleasure of seeing it.

The committee having the matter in charge, in compliment to the members of this Board, have allowed it to be brought here to-night in order that it may be seen before it is placed upon the walls of the school-house, and it is now before you.

As I have said, the response to the proposition to procure the portrait by subscription was quick and hearty. Indeed, so generous was it, that a considerable sum of money remained on hand after paying all the expenses for painting and framing. The question then arose, what should be done with this money? It was decided, after a little consideration, to procure, if possible, another, although smaller, portrait, to be presented to the School Committee, to grace the walls of this chamber, where, during your official terms, you have so often presided over the deliberations of the School Board.

Mr. Parker having generously offered to paint for this purpose another portrait, half-length, the offer was accepted.

This portrait is also completed, and I have been requested by the committee of ladies to present it to the School Board.

I suppose I have been selected to perform this agreeable duty for the reason that I have been associated with you in office in this Board; and, although I regret that some one had not been selected who could more fittingly perform the service, I am happy to avail myself of the opportunity to express my personal obligations to you, sir, for your kindness during our official intercourse, and to congratulate the ladies and other subscribers that their efforts have culminated in the possession by the city, under the control of its educational department, of *two* portraits, instead of one,

of the Mayor, whose scholarship and eloquence have reflected lasting honor on the city of his birth.

Fortunately I am not expected to make a speech on this occasion. The presentation of the original portrait, to take place hereafter, will probably give the Governor of the Commonwealth an opportunity to properly honor the occasion, and to show how well he has studied the excellent model for a presentation speech which he has listened to to-day.

Without any further formality, therefore, I now present to the School Committee of the City of Boston, on behalf of the donors, represented by Mrs. Foote and Mrs. Gay, the portrait of our President, the friend of public education and a worthy product of our Boston schools.

The President responded as follows: —

Gentlemen of the School Committee, — I am much embarrassed by this great and unexpected honor — and you must suppose that it could not be otherwise. I well knew that some of my friends had kindly ordered the painting of my portrait, to be placed in the school on Newbury street, which you have been pleased to call by my name; but I had no reason to expect the further honor of another portrait, to be placed in this room of the School Committee. I feel — and I say it unaffectedly — that I am not entitled to so much consideration, and this mark of your friendly regard touches me tenderly. Let me assure those who have done all this that they have my warmest and most grateful acknowledgments. The dumb, of course, cannot speak, and how can I speak at this time, who am dumb from surprise and wonder?

Permit me here to say that there is something of unwisdom in doing honors of this kind to the living. We cannot tell what their lives may show before they depart to the land of spirits. The time for praise is when they have gone hence. The record is then closed, so that the account can be made up and settled. The relations of their good to their bad qualities, and of their good to their bad deeds, can thus be adjusted, so that their merits can be justly ascertained and fixed.

But, since you have resolved to fasten upon me these honors at this time, let me assure you that they will incite me to bear myself in such manner in the future, that you will have no cause to regret what you have done, or wish it undone.

As I am told that you will be asked to assign a time for the dedication of the Prince School-house, I will reserve for that occasion the more extended remarks which this flattering honor demands, and which I should otherwise make at this time. I will only now beg you to believe that my heart overflows with the warmest gratitude.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Dedication of Prince school-house.

Ordered, That the Prince school-house be dedicated on Thursday, November 10, and that the Committee on the Fourth Division be authorized to make all necessary arrangements therefor.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Vote of thanks for portraits of Mayor Prince.

Ordered, That the thanks of this Board be and they hereby are tendered to Mrs. Edward Foote, and Mrs. Geo. H. Gay, and other donors, for the portraits of His Honor the Mayor, for the Prince School and the School Committee Chamber, and that said portraits be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Full account of presentation of portrait of President of School Board.

Ordered, That the proceedings relative to the presentation of the portrait of the President of the School Board be entered in full on the records.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on the Fourth Division, it was

Salary of John O'Driscoll.

Ordered, That John O'Driscoll, third assistant in the Quincy District, be placed upon the seventh year of service of that grade, to date from Nov. 1, 1881.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, it was

Supplementary reading for evening schools.

Ordered, That any supplementary reading, not in use in the day schools, may be supplied to the evening schools upon application therefor.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, offered the following: —

Additional Primary accommodations, Dudley District.

Whereas, The accommodations in the Municipal Court House on Roxbury street are unfit for school purposes, on account of unhealthy sanitary conditions and objectionable surroundings and associations; therefore,

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to furnish suitable accommodations for Primary pupils in the Dudley District.

Passed.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, it was

Leave of absence to Estelle B. Jenkins.

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Estelle B. Jenkins, fourth assistant in the Andrew District; and,

Sarah E. Ferry, substitute.

Ordered, That Sarah E. Ferry be approved as a substitute for Miss Jenkins.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, for the same committee, it was

George J. Tufts, substitute.

Ordered, That George J. Tufts be approved as a substitute, for more than one month, in the Lawrence District.

Report of Com. on Drawing and Music on petition for Evening Drawing School at East Boston.

Miss Peabody, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — a petition for the continuance of the East Boston Evening Drawing School, reported that they have voted to continue the school provided suitable accommodations can be secured.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Supplies on cost of supplementary reading.

Mr. Moran, for the Committee on Supplies, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order concerning the cost of supplementary reading, presented a report of the cost of the same, from April 1, 1878, to the present time, together with an estimate of the expense necessary to complete the plan as adopted by the Board.

On motion of Mr. Rust, laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Purchase of additional supplementary reading.

Mr. Reed moved that the Committee on Supplies be requested not to purchase any more supplementary reading books until otherwise ordered by this Board.

Mr. Blake moved to amend Mr. Reed's motion, so as to provide that the matter be left to the discretion of the Committee on Supplies.

Lost.

Mr. Reed's motion passed.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Statement of appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON ST., Oct. 25, 1881.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable November 1, being seven months' payments of the financial year: —

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation 1881–82.	November Draft.	Expenditures for seven months.	Balance unexpended.
Sch. Instructors.	$1,116,000	$93,745 81	$633,263 06	$482,736 94
Sch. Expenses ..	246,000	17,501 71	153,853 68	92,146 32
Salaries, Officers	53,760	4,756 66	32,210 51	21,549 49
Totals	$1,415,760	$116,004 18	$819,327 25	$596,432 75

For the Committee on Accounts,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Reports of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order relative to the salary of Cora I. Bates, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of Cora I. Bates.

Ordered, That, on account of previous service, Cora I. Bates, fourth assistant in the Charles Sumner District, be placed upon the third year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order relative to the salary of Mary A. Boland, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Salary of Mary A. Boland.

Ordered, That, on account of previous service, Mary A. Boland, third assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 13, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order relative to the salary of Mary E. Parsons, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That, on account of previous service, Mary E. Parsons, third assistant in the Central District, be placed upon the second year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881.

Salary of Mary E. Parsons.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — an order relative to the salary of Martha C. Gerry, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That, on account of previous acceptable service as a teacher in the public schools of this city, Martha C. Gerry, third assistant in the Lewis District, be placed upon the sixth year of service in her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881.

Salary of Martha C. Gerry.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order relative to the salary of Ellen F. Jones, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Ordered, That Ellen F. Jones, third assistant in the Wells District, be placed upon her seventh year of service in that grade, to date from April 1, 1881.

Salary of Ellen F. Jones.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — an order that Sarah L. Miner, fourth assistant in the Roxbury High School, be placed upon the sixth year of service in that grade, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Salary of Sarah L. Miner.

Accepted.

The Chair read a report from the Board of Supervisors on the referred order of Oct. 11 [Min., p. 222], concerning temporary teachers and special assistants in the Primary Schools.

Information concerning temporary teachers and special assistants in Primary Schools.

The report stated, in detail, the information required by the order, and the following totals: —

Total amount expended for temporary teachers in Primary Schools from Feb. 1 to June 25, 1881, $1,600.98. Average cost per day, $17.59.

Total amount expended for special assistants in Primary Schools from Feb. 1 to June 25, 1881, $2,134. Average cost per day, $23.45.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was laid on the table.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Request for further information concerning special assistants and temporary teachers.

Ordered, That the Board of Supervisors be requested to furnish further information relating to the employment of special teachers and temporary teachers in the Primary and Grammar Schools, including the whole number and term of service of such teachers in each school year from Feb. 1, 1878, to the present time.

Mr. Finney moved that the Superintendent give to the Board the reason why it is desirable to pass this order.

Passed.

The Superintendent said: —

Opinion of Superintendent.

Mr. President, — By reference to the order calling for this report, it will be seen that statistics relating to the employment of temporary and special teachers are requested, covering the last half of last year, — "from Feb. 1st, 1881, to the end of the school year," — and for the primary schools only. It seemed to the Supervisors, who were engaged in collecting the information asked for, that there was other information not asked for which the School Committee ought to have, in order to get a fair view of the whole subject. If the experience of last year be compared with that

of the year before, and with that of one or two years further back, quite likely some of the questions which may arise out of this matter will appear in a different light from that in which they would appear if the information were limited to that contained in the report now upon your table. Being satisfied of the value and importance of such further information relating to the grammar schools, as well as the primary schools, I have taken the responsibility of suggesting the pending order.

Communication from Horace Binney Sargent concerning Soldiers' Home Bazaar.

The Chair read a communication from Horace Binney Sargent, President of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Home, asking the coöperation of the Boston School Regiment in the Bazaar for the Soldiers' Home.

Referred to the Committee on High Schools.

On motion of Mr. Cutter, the Board adjourned at nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 8, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams, Blake, Hyde, and Swift.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the records of the last meeting were amended by inserting after the words "the pending order," on page 243, the words "The order passed."

Amendment to records of Oct. 25.

The reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving the printed records as amended.

Mr. Finney presented a communication from Dr. Charles W. Stevens, stating a laxity in the observance of the rules relating to vaccination of pupils admitted to the Primary Schools, and suggesting an investigation of the subject.

Communication from Dr. Chas. W. Stevens concerning vaccination.

Placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Superintendent was requested to take such steps as are necessary in notifying teachers of the existing rules with reference to vaccination.

Teachers to be notified of rules on vaccination.

The Chair presented the following communication: —

2 WALNUT ST., NOV. 7, 1881.

TO HIS HONOR THE MAYOR, *President of the School Board:* —

DEAR SIR, — I hereby withdraw my resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Drawing and Music, in compliance with your

Communication from Charles C. Perkins, withdrawing resignation of chairmanship of

Committee on Drawing and Music.

request and the vote of the School Board, considering that by offering it I have defined my position, and that to maintain it would savor of discourtesy.

Believe me, with much respect,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES C. PERKINS.

The Chair stated that Mr. Perkins would continue as Chairman of the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, offered the following: —

Regulations of Evening Schools: amendment proposed, certificates to pupils.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended by adding the following section to Chapter XXIII.: —

SECT. 350. A certificate for regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and general proficiency, shall be awarded, by the Committee on Evening Schools, to pupils in the Evening Schools at the close of the term.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, offered the following: —

Salary of George Perkins.

Ordered, That George Perkins, sub-master in the Phillips School, be placed on the eleventh year of service in that grade; said year to end March 31, 1882.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Bowditch District. — Sarah E. Lewis, fourth assistant, Nov. 1, 1881.

Phillips District. — Martha F. Whitman, third assistant, Nov. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Lincoln District. — Edith M. Bradford, from Oct. 18, and Hannah L. McGlinchey, from Oct. 24, 1881.

Norcross District. — Kate E. Fitzgerald, from Oct. 26, 1881.

Quincy District. — Agnes M. Cochran, from Nov. 7, 1881.

Wells District. — Elizabeth A. Noonan, from Oct. 26, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Temporary teacher.

Lowell District. — Josephine L. Goddard, fourth assistant, from Oct. 15, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Adams District. — Lalia C. Tedford, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Brimmer District. — Mary E. Collins, fourth assistant, from Oct. 24, 1881.

Comins District. — Caroline F. Cutler, second assistant, Primary Department, from Nov. 7, 1881.

Lowell District. — Irene Fisher, fourth assistant, from Nov. 7, 1881.

Phillips District. — Eunice J. Simpson, third assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Prince District. — Hetta L. Clement, third assistant, sixth year, from Oct. 11, 1881.

Accepted.

Teachers in Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, on the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nominations for evening elementary schools: —

Wilson's Hotel, Brighton. — Rufus P. Hubbard, principal, from Oct. 10, 1881.

ASSISTANTS.

Anderson st. — Lizzie F. Fickett, Oct. 5; Sarah E. Ferry, Oct. 17.

Bigelow School-house. — Agnes M. Cochran, Sept. 27.

Dearborn School-house. — Nellie L. Cullis, Oct. 6; Catherine S. Summers, Oct. 10; Gertrude E. Bigelow, Oct. 11; Kate F. Lyons, Oct. 12.

Lyman School-house. — Albert Poor, Oct. 13.

Old Franklin School-house. — Esther M. Meserve, Oct. 3.

Warren School-house. — Charlotte E. Seavey, Oct. 20.

Wilson's Hotel, Brighton. — Clara B. Andrews, Oct. 10.

Accepted, and the nominations of assistants confirmed.

Ballot for principal of Brighton Evening School.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board proceeded to ballot for the principal of the Brighton Evening School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Smalley, and Spaulding as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported the whole number of votes to be 15. Necessary for a choice, 13.

Rufus P. Hubbard elected principal of Brighton Evening School.

Rufus P. Hubbard had 15, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Brighton Evening School, from Oct. 10, 1881.

Report of Board of Supervisors on information concerning temporary teachers

A report from the Board of Supervisors on the referred order of Oct. 25 [Min., p. 242], concerning temporary teachers and special assistants in Primary and Grammar Schools was presented: —

The report stated, in detail, the information required by the order, and the following totals: — and special assistants in Primary and Grammar Schools.

Table showing the number of Temporary Teachers employed during the last half of each school year [Feb. 1 to July 1], from 1878 to 1881.

	1878.		1879.		1880.		1881.	
	No.	Expense.	No.	Expense.	No.	Expense.	No.	Expense.
In Grammar Schools . .	20	$1,859 19	11	$1,187 02	12	$1,490 03	10	$799 61
In Primary Schools . . .	9	912 45	9	945 77	3	148 32	16	1,600 98
Totals	29	$2,771 64	20	$2,132 79	15	$1,638 35	26	$2,400 59

Table showing the number of Special Assistants employed during the last half of each school year [Feb. 1 to July 1], 1880 and 1881.

	1880.		1881.	
	No.	Expense.	No.	Expense.
Special assistants, Primary Schools	16	$642 00	39	$2,134 00

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report on the same subject, presented at the last meeting of the Board, was taken from the table and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Moran, the report of the Committee on Supplies, on the cost of supplementary reading, was taken from the table and accepted. Report of Com. on Supplies on cost of supplementary reading.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on Examinations, to whom was referred — Oct. 11 — an order to the effect that Effie B. Clark be granted a special examination, reported that the order ought not to pass. Report of Com. on Examinations on special examination for Effie B. Clark.

Accepted.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, offered the following: —

Rank of Emily M. Porter.

Ordered, That Emily M. Porter, third assistant in the Mount Vernon District, be reëlected, with the rank of second assistant, from April 1, 1881.

Referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Fox offered the following: —

Attendance of members of School Board at meetings of Board of Supervisors.

Ordered, That on and after the first day of December next, the Board of Supervisors shall cause the Secretary to notify the members of the School Board when and where they hold their meetings, the subjects upon which they are to deliberate, and any member of the School Board may attend such meetings if he so desires.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah H. Robbins.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Sarah H. Robbins, third assistant in the Lewis District.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Leave of absence to Almira E. Reid.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Almira E. Reid, third assistant in the Adams District; and

Grace M. Remick, substitute.

Ordered, That Grace M. Remick be approved as a substitute for Miss Reid.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board adjourned at eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, NOV. 22, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the Vice-President in the chair.

Present: All the members except His Honor the Mayor, Messrs. Adams, Blake, Chapin, Gallagher, and Swift.

On motion of Mr. Flint, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The following orders took a second reading: — Second reading of orders.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows, —

Section 218. In the fifth line of the section, page 49, substitute the word "six" for "five." In the sixth line, substitute the word "seventh" for "sixth," and in the second line, page 50, substitute the word "six" for "five." Rules amended; salaries of teachers. Section 218.

Section 226, paragraph 2. Strike out, in the fourth line, the words "the several ranks of instructors," and insert in place thereof the words "a first and second assistant." After the word "service," in the ninth line, insert the following: "The salary of a third assistant of the fourth grade shall be established at a minimum rate for the first year of service, with an annual increase during the succeeding six years, so that a maximum rate shall be reached for the seventh and each subsequent year of service." Section 226.

In the fifth line from the end of the section strike out the words "in a series of five years," and insert in

place thereof the words "except the last in the series of years for the grade."

Section 246.

Sect. 246, paragraph 6. After the table on page 60, in the fourth and sixth lines respectively, substitute the word "thirteen" for the word "ten."

Passed.

Regulations of Evening High Schools, amended. Section 342.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended, as follows: —

Section 342. — In the fifth line, after the words "will permit" insert the following: "Pupils registering their names for admission to the Evening High School shall be required to state, in writing, the number of evenings per week that they will be able to attend; and no pupil shall be admitted who is unable to attend, at least, three evenings per week, without special permission from the Committee on Evening Schools. No person more than twenty-five years of age shall be allowed to attend the Evening High School, except by special permission of the Committee on Evening Schools."

Section 345.

Section 345. — Substitute the following for the section: —

"Section 345. — The course of study in the Evening High School shall include the following studies, and no others: English Composition and Penmanship, History of the United States, Commercial Arithmetic and Book-keeping, Elementary Algebra, Plane Geometry; and French, when it is made evident to the Committee on Evening Schools that the study of that language is necessary in the occupation the pupils follow, or intend to follow."

Passed.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following: —

RESIGNATIONS.

Andrew District. — Martha J. Bryant, third assistant, Oct. 15, 1881. Resignations of teachers.

Chapman District. — Harriet E. Morrill, third assistant, Nov. 9, 1881.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Adams District. — Nellie B. Tucker, from Oct. 19, 1881. Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Franklin District. — Carrie L. Baker, from Nov. 21, and Clara M. Moseley, from Nov. 7, 1881.

Lowell District. — Grace L. Curtis, from Nov. 9, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHER.

Prince District. — Laura E. Dyer, third assistant, from Oct. 11 to Nov. 18, 1881, inclusive. Temporary teacher.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Bowdoin District. — Ella E. Morrill, fourth assistant, from Nov. 21, 1881. Nomination of teachers.

Dearborn District. — Alice W. Peaslee, third assistant, third year, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Phillips District. — Ida M. Metcalf, first assistant, from Sept. 5, 1881.

Warren District. — Ellen A. Pratt, second assistant, from Nov. 16, 1881.

Wells District. — Jeannette A. Thompson, fourth assistant, from Oct. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

TRANSFERS.

Transfer of teachers.

Bowdoin District. — Mary Wilson, fourth assistant, to the position of third assistant in the Prince District, from Nov. 21, 1881.

Lowell District. — Irene Fisher, fourth assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Comins District, from Nov. 7, 1881.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on Nominations; assistants in Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nominations of assistants in Evening Elementary Schools: —

Dearborn School-house. — John Vaughn, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Bigelow School-house. — Winnifred C. Folan, in place of Rosanna Follan, from Sept. 27, 1881.

John G. Morris, Sept. 27 to 30, 1881, inclusive.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

Reconsideration.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, the vote of Oct. 25th, accepting the following nominations, was reconsidered: Caroline F. Cutler, second assistant in the Primary Department of the Comins District, from Nov. 7, 1881; Hetta L. Clement, third assistant in the Prince District, from Oct. 11, 1881.

Nominations of Mrs. Cutler and Miss Clement withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, the above nominations were withdrawn, Mrs. Cutler preferring to remain in her present position as fourth assistant in the Lowell District, and Miss Clement failing to report for duty.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8th — an order concerning the rank of Emily M. Porter, reported that upon investigation it appears that there was an error in the reëlection returns from the Mt. Vernon School, in April last, which, upon

being rectified, fully entitles the school to the continuance of its second assistant; they therefore recommended a suspension of the rules to admit of the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That Emily M. Porter, third assistant in the Mt. Vernon District, be reëlected, with the rank of second assistant from April 1, 1881. Rank of Emily M. Porter.

The report was accepted, and the order passed under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Boston, Nov. 22, 1881. Resignation of Henry W. Swift from School Board.

To the Honorable School Committee of the City of Boston: —

I hereby tender my resignation from the Boston School Committee, to take effect immediately, and respectfully decline further service. In retiring I wish to express my regret that a pressure of other engagements compels me to withdraw from so honorable a service, and to warmly thank the members of the Board for the kindness and courtesy which they have shown me during the year that I have had the pleasure of being associated with them.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. SWIFT.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Board of Aldermen of this city, that a vacancy exists in this body, caused by the resignation of Henry W. Swift, whose term of service will expire in two years from January, 1882. Notice of vacancy in School Board.

The Chair presented the following communication: —

City of Boston, City Hall,
Office of Auditor of Accounts, Nov. 22, 1881. Communication from Committee on Finance concerning site for Dillaway School-house.

Hon. F. O. Prince, *President, Board of School Committee:* —

Dear Sir, — The Committee on Finance of the City Council, having

the subject of purchasing a school-house site in the Dillaway District under consideration, would respectfully ask the School Committee to appoint a committee of conference on the subject.

By vote of the Committee on Finance.

JAMES H. DODGE,
Clerk of the Com. on Finance.

Committee to confer with Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Committee on the Seventh Division was appointed a committee to confer with the Committee on Finance of the City Council.

Communication from Harrison Loring, concerning sub-master in Lincoln School.

The Chair read a communication from Harrison Loring, concerning the sub-master in the Lincoln School, which was referred to the Committee on the Sixth Division.

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings; yard-room Lexington-street School-house.

The Chair read a communication from William Woolley, Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, concerning yard-room for the Lexington-street Primary School.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Moran, it was

Schools closed at noon, Nov. 23.

Ordered, That the public schools be closed to-morrow at 12 o'clock, noon, for the remainder of the week.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Special instruction in chemistry and zöology.

Ordered, That the Committee on High Schools be authorized to employ extra assistance for the teaching of chemistry and zoölogy, in the East Boston and the West Roxbury High Schools, at an expense not to exceed $400 per annum.

Rules suspended.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, it was

Discharge of janitor of Bowdoin School.

Ordered, That the janitor of the Bowdoin School be discharged for cause, to take effect Nov. 11, 1881.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Rules and Regulations be amended as follows, —

Regulations of Horace Mann School; amendments proposed.

Section 314. In the second line substitute "9 A.M." for "9.15 A.M." and "2 P.M." for "2.15 P.M."

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Thayer, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, announced the death of Mr. Leander Waterman, late principal of the Andrew School, and offered the following resolutions: —

Resolution on death of Leander Waterman.

Resolved, That this Board learns, with sincere regret, of the death of Mr. Leander Waterman, late master of the Andrew School;

Resolved, That Mr. Waterman's long and faithful service as a teacher is entitled to our hearty recognition, and that by his death we believe the public schools are deprived of one of their most earnest and conscientious teachers.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the family of Mr. Waterman in their affliction.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased.

Passed unanimously, by a rising vote.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the following-named assistants in the Evening Drawing Schools, term of service beginning Oct. 17, 1881.

Assistants in Evening Drawing Schools.

Appleton street. — Mercy A. Bailey, Albert H. Munsell.

Charlestown. — John L. Frisbee, Emma F. Locke.

Roxbury. — Clara L. Webster, Charles L. Adams.

Tennyson street. — George Jepson, Walter F. Brackett.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on the Third Division, it was

Leave of absence to Sarah A. M. Turner.

Ordered, That extended leave of absence, until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Sarah A. M. Turner, fourth assistant in the Phillips District.

Mr. Perkins, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Temporary accommodations for pupils of Dean School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary accommodations for the pupils of the Dean School, Wall street, it having for the third time been declared by the Board of Health to be unfit for occupation.

Referred to the Committee on School-houses.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

"Der Zerbrochene Krug" authorized.

Ordered, That "Der Zerbrochene Krug" be authorized for use as a text-book in the High Schools.

Mr. Crowley, for the same committee, offered the following: —

Gould's Arithmetical Frame for Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That Gould's Arithmetical Frame be furnished to each grammar school (one for each floor), *provided* the frames are satisfactory in form to the Committee on Text-Books, and in price to the Committee on Supplies.

Laid over.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, offered the following: —

Order rescinded.

Ordered, That the order of this Board, Sept. 27, 1881, fixing the salary of Sarah J. Baker, principal of the Dillaway School, at the rate of $2,280 per annum, to date from Sept. 1, 1881, be and is hereby rescinded.

Passed.

Rank and salary

Ordered, That the rank of Sarah J. Baker, princi-

pal of the Dillaway School, be that of sub-master, on the maximum salary, to date from Sept. 1, 1881. of Sarah J. Baker.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to purchase an additional lot of land for the purpose of enlarging the yard of the Lexington-street school-house. Enlargement of yard of Lexington-street school-house.

Passed, under a suspension of the rules. Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the vote was reconsidered whereby the communication from the Committee on Public Buildings concerning yard-room for the Lexington-street Primary School was referred to the Committee on School-houses. Reconsideration.

The communication was placed on file.

On motion of Mr. Moran the order of Sept. 13th requesting that separate ballots be prepared for the School Committee was rescinded. Order rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Fox, it was

Ordered, That the Board of Aldermen be notified that, in the opinion of the School Board, a separate ballot containing the names of persons nominated for the School Committee only, will prove impracticable creating unnecessary labor and expense. Ballots for School Committee at municipal elections.

Mr. Plummer offered the following: —

Ordered, That Lucy J. Lothrop, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the maximum salary of her grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881. Salary of Lucy J. Lothrop.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Eighth Division, it was

Ordered, That extended leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Eliza W. Jones, second assistant in the Bennett District. Leave of absence to Eliza W. Jones.

Report of Committee on School-houses; lighting rooms in Brimmer school-house.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom was referred, with full powers, — Oct. 11, — an order relative to lighting certain rooms in the Brimmer school-house, reported that the committee have given attention to the matter.

Accepted.

Report of Committee on School-houses; heating halls of Tyler-street Primary school-house.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred, with full powers, — Oct. 11, — an order relative to heating the halls of the Tyler-street Primary school-house, reported that the committee have given attention to the matter.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fleming, the Board adjourned at twenty minutes after eight o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 13, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams and Hyde.

On motion of Mr. Blake, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

The Chair read a communication from the Chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings, tendering to the School Committee the use of the Savage school-house for an Evening High School, the order directing the same having passed the City Council.

Communication from Committee on Public Buildings, tendering Savage school-house for Evening High School.

Placed on file.

Mr. Reed, for the Committee on Evening Schools, presented the following report: —

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
BOSTON, December 13, 1881.

Report of Committee on Evening Schools, on accommodations for Evening High School.

The Committee on Evening Schools has received a similar communication from the Committee on Public Buildings, tendering the use of the Savage school-house, on Harrison avenue, to the School Committee for an Evening High School.

As the Board, by a vote (July 5) of 17 to 3, ordered that the Committee on Evening Schools open the Evening High School in the Latin and English High School building, your committee being of the opinion that it has no power in the premises, respectfully presents the communication for the consideration of the Board.

The Committee on Evening Schools, with a view to the saving of time, takes this opportunity of expressing its firm opinion that the Savage school-house is not fitted for the Evening High School; the rooms are insufficient and inconvenient, and the location of the school-house is not such as would induce that class of persons to

attend who would be most benefited by the instruction given in the Evening High School.

During the latter part of last term the school was located in the Savage school-house, and your committee is convinced that the school suffered much, even during the short time it was there. The supervisor in charge, reports: "After the removal of the school from the Bowditch to the Savage school-house, both the whole number belonging and the regularity of attendance decreased." He further states that, considering the fact of the removal of the school, "and also that, in consequence of the lack of rooms in the Savage school-house, three classes had to recite at the same time in the same room, it is strange, not that so many left the school, but that so many returned to it."

Your committee, being of the decided opinion that the importance and necessity of providing more suitable and adequate accommodations for the school than can be supplied by the Savage school-house, recommend that the City Council be earnestly requested to prepare the rooms in the Latin and English High school-house for the immediate accommodation of the school. The vacation of the evening schools begins Dec. 17, and lasts for two weeks. The day schools have a vacation for one week, beginning Dec. 25. The coming two weeks is, therefore, a most opportune time for making the necessary arrangements in the Latin and High School building, so that the school may be opened during the first week in January, 1882.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders.

For the Committee,

CHARLES H. REED, *Chairman.*

Ordered, That the temporary accommodations in the Savage school-house, offered for the use of the Evening High School, by the City Council, through the Committee on Public Buildings, be respectfully declined as being unfit to meet the demands of the school, and make its usefulness to the pupils properly insured.

Ordered, That the City Council be earnestly requested to prepare the rooms in the Latin and High School building for the immediate accommodation of the school.

Accepted.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the Superintendent was requested to give his opinion on the expediency of opening the Evening High School in the new High School building,

Opinion of Superintendent.

The Superintendent stated that he saw no serious objections to the proposed plan by which the Evening High School should occupy rooms in the new High-School building. Inconveniences of course there are attending the joint occupancy of a building by two different schools; but these are not great enough to outweigh the great advantages of proper accommodations for the Evening High School. That school ought to be opened without further delay.

The first order passed.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the second order was amended by inserting the words "not more than twelve" before the word "rooms."

The second order passed as amended.

Second reading of orders.

The following orders took a second reading: —

Rules amended; Section 203; exhibitions of Grammar Schools.

Ordered, That the Regulations be amended as follows: —

Section 203, amended so as to read, "There shall be exhibitions of the Grammar Schools on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, only, of the week preceding the fourth of July, and of the High Schools at such times during the same week as the Board may direct, etc."

Passed.

Rules amended: Section 253; course of study in High Schools.

Ordered, That the following be substituted for Section 253 of the Regulations: —

"Sect. 253. The course of study shall be for three years, and shall be arranged by the Committee on High Schools, and approved by the Board. An advanced course of one year more for such pupils as

have completed the three years' course shall be open to boys in the English High School, and to girls in the Girls' High School."

Passed.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported the following

RESIGNATIONS.

Resignations of teachers.

Comins District. — Adelina May, third assistant, Dec. 1, 1881.

Dwight District. — Henrietta Draper, fourth assistant, Dec. 1, 1881.

Mount Vernon District. — Emina L. Pollex, fourth assistant, Jan. 1, 1882.

Accepted.

SPECIAL ASSISTANTS, PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Special assistants, Primary Schools.

Bigelow District. — Margaretta H. Price, from Nov. 4, 1881.

Bowdoin District. — Elizabeth K. Bolton, from Nov. 30, 1881.

Lewis District. — Jeanie P. White, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Wells District. — Elizabeth Campbell, from Nov. 17, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Andrew District. — Frederic E. Stratton, third assistant, from Oct. 17, 1881.

Chapman District. — Carrie M. Locke, third assistant, from Nov. 9, 1881.

Dudley District. — John P. Slocum, third assistant, from Sept. 20, 1881.

Prescott District. — Alice Simpson, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Andrew District. — Emma K. Shaw, third assistant, sixth year, from Nov. 28, 1881. Nomination of teachers.

Bigelow District. — Lucy E. T. Tinkham, second assistant, Primary Department, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Comins District. — Nellie W. Leavitt, third assistant, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Dwight District. — Jennie I. Kendall, fourth assistant, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Gaston District. — Elizabeth M. Easton, second assistant, Primary Department, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Lawrence District. — Ann E. Newell, second assistant, Primary Department, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Lincoln District. — Mary E. Powell, second assistant, Primary Department, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Rice District. — Gertrude E. Bigelow, fourth assistant, from Nov. 1, 1881.

Shurtleff District. — Winnifred C. Folan, third assistant, from Nov. 1, 1881, and Ella R. Johnson, second assistant, Primary Department, from Dec. 1, 1881.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on High Schools, reported the nomination of Arthur B. Morong, as special instructor in chemistry and zoölogy in the West Roxbury and East Boston High Schools, from Dec. 1, 1881. Report of Committee on Nominations; special teacher in chemistry and zoölogy.

Accepted.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on the Ninth Division, reported the nomination of William E. Endicott as Master of the Gibson School, from Jan. Rank of Wm. E. Endicott.

1, 1882; the average whole number for the preceding quarter warranting the promotion.

Accepted.

Assistants in Evening Elementary Schools.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the nomination of the following-named assistants in Evening Elementary Schools: —

Bigelow School-house. — Thomas W. Proctor, from Oct. 3, 1881.

Comins School-house. — Isaac F. Paul, from Oct. 3, 1881.

Eliot School-house. — Horace E. Sawyer, from Oct. 28, 1881.

Old Franklin School-house. — Minnie C. Clark, from Sept. 30, 1881.

Accepted, and the nominations confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, it was

Date of nomination of Jeannette A. Thompson.

Ordered, That the date of the nomination of Jeannette A. Thompson, fourth assistant in the Wells District, be Nov. 1, 1881, instead of Oct. 1, as reported at the last meeting of the Board.

Report of Joint Committee on Nominations and Sixth Division; candidate for mastership of Andrew School.

Mr. Plummer, for the Joint Committee on Nominations and the Sixth Division, reported the unanimous nomination of Joshua M. Dill as a candidate for the vacant position of master of the Andrew School, to date from Nov. 21, 1881.

Accepted.

Ballot for master of Andrew School.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the Board proceeded to ballot for master of the Andrew School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Finney, Gallagher, and Fox, as a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes, 22; necessary for a choice, 13; Joshua M. Dill had 22 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as master of the Andrew School, to date from Nov. 21, 1881. Election of Joshua M. Dill.

The Chair appointed William A. Rust as a member of the Committee on High Schools, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Henry W. Swift. Wm. A. Rust appointed on Committee on High Schools.

Approved.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on the Horace Mann School, presented the annual report of that committee, which was laid on the table and ordered to be printed. Annual Report of Committee on Horace Mann School.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Office of Accounts,
Mason st., Dec. 1, 1881.

Report of Committee on Accounts; Appropriations and Expenditures.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations, as made by the City Council, for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the December draft, being eight months' payments of the financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation, 1881–82.	December Draft.	Expenditures, 1881–82, including December Draft.	Balance unexpended.
School Instructors . .	$1,116,000 00	$95,857 18	$729,120 24	$386,879 76
School Expenses . . .	246,000 00	10,842 49	164,696 17	81,303 83
Salaries, Officers . . .	53,760 00	4,756 66	36,967 17	16,792 83
Totals	$1,415,760 00	$111,456 33	$930,783 58	$484,976 42

The expenses for the corresponding eight months of last year amounted to $942,789.04.

For the Committee on Accounts,

F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Edward P. Jackson, John K. Richardson, and Frank W. Freeborn.

Ordered, That Edward P. Jackson, John K. Richardson, and Frank W. Freeborn, junior masters in the Latin School, be each credited with two years of additional service.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Flint, for the same committee, it was

Use of halls by English High School Association.

Ordered, That the use of the halls of the English High School-house be granted to the English High School Association, for its reunion February 20, 1882.

Report of Com. on High Schools; coöperation of Boston School Regiment in Soldiers' Home Bazaar.

Mr. Flint, for the same committee, to whom was referred — October 25 — the communication from Horace Binney Sargent, President of the Board of Trustees of the Soldiers' Home, asking the coöperation of the Boston School Regiment in the Bazaar for the Soldiers' Home, reported that the committee have considered the subject, and recommended the passage of the following order: —

Ordered, That the High School Regiment be allowed to drill at the Soldiers' Home Bazaar.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School-houses on Primary accommodations in Wells District.

Mr. Chapin, for the Committee on School-houses, to whom were referred the orders of October 11 and November 22, relative to additional Primary-School accommodations in the Wells District, and temporary accommodations for the pupils in the Dean School, Wall street, having considered the same, presented the following report: —

The Board of Health has, for the third time, pronounced the Wall-street school-house unfit for occupancy by a public school. The almost unanimous testimony of the superintendent, the supervisor in charge, the teachers of the school, and, upon further

inquiry, of the officers and men of the engine company occupying the adjoining building, is that the location is unhealthy, and unfit for school purposes.

About a year ago some alterations and repairs were made in and about the building, but the complaints have been renewed by the Board of Health, and others, and your committee feel that it would be unwise to expend any further sums of money upon the premises, as the result would be only a temporary suspension of the existing evils.

In connection with the subject of providing other accommodations for the pupils of the Wall-street school, the committee considered the order relative to the additional Primary-School accommodations in the Wells District, referred to them October 11th. The demand for additional accommodations seems to be fully justified by the fact that there is a large number of pupils kept out of school in that district for want of school accommodations. The Blossom-street Primary school-house is an undesirable building for a school, and the need for a change in the same has long been felt.

In view of the existing facts, your committee recommend, as the most economical measure, and one which in their opinion will be for the best interests of the schools and the pupils, that a Primary school-house of ten or twelve rooms be erected on or near the site of the present Blossom-street building. This building when completed will accommodate the pupils of that locality, including those who attend the Poplar-street school, and the latter building would accommodate the pupils now attending the Wall-street School.

The committee recommend the passage of the following orders: —

New Primary school-house, Blossom street.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect, as early as possible, a ten or twelve room Primary-School building on or near the site of the present Primary school-house on Blossom street.

Temporary accommodations for pupils of Wall-street School.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to provide temporary accommodations for the pupils in the vicinity of the Wall-street School.

Accepted, and the orders passed.

Report of Com. on School-houses on additional accommodations for Horace Mann School.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — April 12 — an order relative to providing additional accommodations for the Horace Mann School, reported that it is inexpedient to take action upon the order at the present time.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on School-houses.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order that the City Council be requested to furnish a new Primary-School building in the Bunker Hill District, reported, after conference with the Division Committee and the supervisor in charge, that a new building is required, and recommended the passage of the following order: —

Primary School-house, Bunker Hill District.

Ordered, That the City Council be requested to erect a six-room Primary school-house in the vicinity of Sullivan square, Charlestown.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Report of Com. on School-houses on Primary School-house, Lincoln District.

Mr. Chapin, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Feb. 8 — an order requesting the City Council to erect a new Primary school-house in the Lincoln District, reported that it is inexpedient to recommend action upon the order at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the report was laid on the table and the order was referred to the next School Board.

Mr. Finney offered the following: —

Ordered, That the Committee on Supplies be requested to consider the advisability of providing for verbatim reports of the proceedings of this Board in one of the daily newspapers of this city.

Verbatim reports of proceedings of School Board.

Mr. Reed moved to amend the order so that the committee be instructed to obtain bids from the evening papers for estimates to print verbatim reports of the School Committee proceedings, and furnish seventy-five copies of reports of each meeting for the use of the Board.

Lost.

Mr. Finney's order was lost by a vote of 8 to 12.

Mr. Porter, for the Committee on the Ninth Division, offered the following: —

Ordered, That Charlotte E. Andrews, third assistant in the Gibson District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in that grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1882.

Salary of Charlotte E. Andrews.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on the First Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Mary C. Hall, fourth assistant in the Chapman District, and

Leave of absence to Mary C. Hall.

Ordered, That Mary A. D. McLane be approved as a substitute for Miss Hall.

Mary A. D. McLane, substitute.

On motion of Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, it was

Ordered, That the salary of Arthur B. Morong, special teacher of chemistry and zoölogy in the West Roxbury and East Boston High Schools, be at the rate of $15 per week for each week of actual service, from Dec. 1, 1881; the annual salary not to exceed $400, according to the requirement of the order passed at the last meeting of the Board.

Salary of special teacher of chemistry and zoölogy.

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 22 — an order relative to the salary of Lucy J. Lothrop, reported that as the case of Miss Lothrop is within the provisions of Section 89 of the Rules, they recommend the passage of the following order: —

Salary of Lucy J. Lothrop.

Ordered, That Lucy J. Lothrop, fourth assistant in the Lyman District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in that grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Communication concerning salary of Alonzo Meserve.

A communication from Alonzo Meserve, concerning his salary as sub-master in the Prescott School, was, on motion of Mr. Cutter, referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Miss Peabody, it was

Extension of Christmas vacation for public schools.

Ordered, That the usual Christmas vacation in the public schools be extended until Tuesday, Jan. 3d, 1882.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the Committee on the Fifth Division, it was

Improvements in ward-room, Concord-street School.

Ordered, That the encumbered state of the room in the Concord-street school-house, used for voting purposes, is inconsistent with the proper condition for school uses, and that the obstruction be removed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Leave of absence to Anna E. Grover.

Ordered, That leave of absence to Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Anna E. Grover, third assistant in the Everett District.

On motion of Mr. Reed, for the same committee, it was

Appropriation for improvements in Concord and Rutland street school-houses.

Ordered, That the Committee on Accounts include in their next estimate an appropriation for improving the sanitary condition of and properly ventilating

the Concord-street and Rutland-street Primary school-houses.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Seventh Division, it was

Ordered, That leave of absence until Jan. 1, 1882, be granted to Martha C. Gerry, third assistant in the Lewis District. Leave of absence to Martha C. Gerry.

On motion of Mr. Thayer, the Board adjourned at five minutes after nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE, Dec. 27, 1881.

A regular meeting of the School Committee of the City of Boston was held in the School Committee Chamber, Mason-street building, at half-past seven o'clock, the President in the chair.

Present: All the members except Messrs. Adams and Thayer.

On motion of Mr. Fox, the reading of the records of the last meeting was omitted, the Board approving them as printed.

Communication from Com. on Public Buildings concerning room for cooking-school in Ware School-house.

The Chair read a communication from the Committee on Public Buildings, referring to the School Board, a petition from Lucretia P. Hale, *et al.*, for the use of the ward-room in the Ware school-house, North Bennet street, for the purposes of a Cooking School.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the petition was referred, with full powers, to the Committee on the Third Division.

The Chair read the following communication: —

Communication from City Council concerning accommodations for Evening High School in new High-School building.

CITY OF BOSTON.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Dec. 19, 1881.

Ordered. That the Committee on Public Buildings be and they are hereby authorized to fit up and furnish such rooms in the new High and Latin School Building as the School Committee may designate for an Evening High School. Also to furnish means for lighting said rooms, at an estimated cost of $1,000; the expense therefor to be charged to the appropriation for School-houses, Public Buildings.

Read twice and passed. Sent down for concurrence Dec. 22. Came up concurred.

Approved by the Mayor Dec. 24, 1881.

A true copy.

Attest: JOHN T. PRIEST,
Assistant City Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Reed, placed on file.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Nominations, reported as follows: —

SPECIAL ASSISTANT, PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Special assistant, Primary School.

Lowell District. — Hattie E. Turner, from Dec. 16, 1881.

Accepted.

TEMPORARY TEACHERS.

Temporary teachers.

Lawrence District. — Charlotte R. Hale, third assistant, from Dec. 5, 1881.

Phillips District. — Charlotte E. Seavey, third assistant, from Nov. 1 to 21, inclusive.

Accepted.

ON PROBATION.

Nomination of teachers.

Central District. — Sarah H. Drake, third assistant, fifth year, from Jan. 3, 1882.

Charles Sumner District. — Dora M. Leonard, fourth assistant, from Dec. 15, 1881.

Accepted.

TRANSFER.

Transfer of Mary E. Parsons.

Central District. — Mary E. Parsons, third assistant, to the position of fourth assistant in the Mount Vernon District, the transfer to take effect Jan. 3, 1882.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Nominations.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Evening Schools, reported the following nominations: —

Principal of Evening High School.

Principal of the Evening High School. — Edward C. Carrigan, Arthur B. Morong, — Mr. Carrigan being their first choice.

Assistant in Evening Elementary School.

Assistant in Wells School-house Evening School. — Susan I. Dudley, from Nov. 21, 1881.

Accepted; and the nomination of Susan I. Dudley confirmed.

On motion of Mr. Reed, the Board proceeded to ballot for the principal of the Evening High School.

Ballot for principal of Evening High School.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Reed, Smalley, and Blake, a committee to collect, sort, and count the votes.

The committee, having attended to that duty, reported as follows: —

Whole number of votes	22
Necessary for a choice	13

Blank, 1. — Arthur B. Morong had 1 vote; William H. Moriarty, 2; Edward C. Carrigan had 18 votes, and was accordingly declared elected as principal of the Evening High School.

Edward C. Carrigan elected principal of Evening High School.

Mr. Blake, for the Committee on the Annual Report, presented the annual report of the School Board for 1881, which was accepted.

Annual Report of School Committee.

On motion of Mr. Blake, it was

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the Annual Report be printed.

Edition of Annual Report.

On motion of Mr. Blake, for the Committee on Text-Books, it was

Ordered, That the publishers of "MacVicar's Arithmetical Frame" be allowed to place the frame on trial in ten of the Grammar Schools, and to explain the use of the frame to the teachers, — the whole to be without expense to the city, and without interruption to the regular work of the schools.

MacVicar's Arithmetical Frame in Grammar Schools.

Mr. Blake offered the following: —

Ordered, That Mr. N. A. Tanner, subject to the approval of the Committee on Drawing and Music, be allowed to address the pupils of the Evening Drawing Schools, at the close of the sessions, and to solicit

Mr. N. A. Tanner to solicit subscriptions to "The Educator" in Evening Drawing Schools.

subscriptions for "The Educator," — a paper containing a course of lessons in drawing.

Referred to the Committee on Drawing and Music.

Election of Henry N. Mudge.

Mr. Perkins, for the Committee on Drawing and Music, reported for confirmation the nomination of Henry N. Mudge as head-assistant of the East Boston Evening Drawing School; term of service to begin November 14, 1881.

Accepted, and the nomination confirmed.

Annual Report of Com. on Horace Mann School accepted.

On motion of Mr. Winship, the annual report of the Committee on the Horace Mann School was taken from the table and accepted.

Report of Com. on Accounts.

Mr. Winship, for the Committee on Accounts, presented the following statement: —

Appropriations and expenditures.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTS,
MASON ST., Dec. 27, 1881.

The Committee on Accounts present to the Board the appropriations as made by the City Council for the present financial year, together with the expenditures incurred, including the draft payable January 1, 1882, being nine months' payments of the financial year.

Object of Appropriation.	Appropriation 1881–82.	Draft Payable Jan. 1, 1882.	Expenditures 1881–82, Including Jan. Draft.	Balance Unexpended.
School Instructors . .	$1,116,000	$95,562 19	$824,682 43	$291,317 57
School Expenses . .	246,000	9,871 78	174,567 95	71,432 05
Salaries, Officers . .	53,760	4,756 68	41,723 85	12,036 15
Totals	$1,415,760	$110,190 65	$1,040,974 23	$374,785 77

The expenses as compared with those of the corresponding nine months of last year show a decrease of $18,608.34.

For the Committee on Accounts,
F. LYMAN WINSHIP,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on the Normal School, to whom was referred — Sept. 27 — an order concerning instruction to post-graduates of the Normal School, who are employed as special assistants, reported that the order ought not to pass.

Report of Com. on Normal School on instruction to post graduates employed as special assistants.

Accepted.

Mr. Hobbs, for the Committee on Rules and Regulations, to whom was referred — June 14 — an order concerning the detention of pupils in Grammar Schools for more than one year in any one grade, reported that they have fully considered the order, the member offering the same being present at the meeting, and in accordance with the suggestion made by him that he was not desirous that any legislation should be enacted in regard to it, but that his object had been accomplished in directing the attention of the Board to the statistics in relation to the subject, this committee do not recommend any legislation, though heartily concurring in the views of the member before alluded to, that each member of the committee should examine carefully the elaborately prepared statistics, and see to it that pupils in their respective divisions are advanced with all proper speed.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations concerning detention of pupils in classes.

Accepted.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Sept. 13 — amendments to Sections 138 and 160 of the Regulations relating to the work of the Supervisors, reported that it is inexpedient to make any changes, as proposed, for the present.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations on proposed amendments to work of Supervisors.

Accepted.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — November 8 — an order to amend the rules relative to the meetings of the Board of Supervisors, reported that, in their opinion, the order ought not to pass.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations concerning meeting of Board of Supervisors.

Accepted.

Report of Com. on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — November 22 — an order to amend the regulations relating to the sessions of the Horace Mann School, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Sessions of Horace Mann School; rules amended.

Ordered, That the regulations be amended as follows : —

SECT. 314. In the second line substitute "9 A.M." for "9.15 A.M.," and "2 P.M." for "2.15 P.M."

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Finney, the rules were suspended, and the order took a second reading and passed.

Report of Committee on Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Hobbs, for the same committee, to whom was referred — November 8 — an order to amend the regulations relating to evening schools, reported that the following order ought to pass : —

Regulations of evening schools amended.

Ordered, That the regulations be amended by adding the following section to Chapter XXIII. : —

SECT. 350. A certificate for regular and punctual attendance, good deportment, and general proficiency, shall be awarded by the Committee on Evening Schools to pupils in the evening schools at the close of the term.

Accepted, and the order passed to a second reading.

Rules suspended.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the rules were suspended, and the order took a second reading and passed.

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Mr. Plummer, for the Committee on Salaries, to whom was referred — December 13 — an order relative to the salary of Charlotte E. Andrews, reported that, as the case of Miss Andrews is within the provisions of Section 89 of the rules, they recommend the passage of the following order : —

Ordered, That Charlotte E. Andrews, third assistant in the Gibson District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in that grade, to date from Jan. 1, 1882.

Salary of Charlotte E. Andrews.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 13 — an order relative to the salaries of Edward P. Jackson, John K. Richardson, and Frank W. Freeborn, junior masters in the Latin School, reported that they have considered the subject, and that the following order ought to pass : —

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That Edward P. Jackson, John K. Richardson, and Frank W. Freeborn, junior masters in the Latin School, be each credited with two additional years of service in their grade.

Salaries of Edward P. Jackson, John K. Richardson, and Frank W. Freeborn.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Dec. 13 — the petition of Alonzo Meserve, sub-master in the Prescott School, relative to his salary, reported that they have considered the subject and recommend the passage of the following order : —

Report of Committee on Salaries.

Ordered, That Alonzo Meserve, sub-master in the Prescott School, be placed upon the thirteenth year of his grade, to date from Sept. 5, 1881.

Salary of Alonzo Meserve.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Plummer, for the same committee, to whom was referred — Nov. 8 — an order relative to the salary of George Perkins, reported that, after a careful consideration of the subject, they recommend the passage of the following order : —

Report of Com. on Salaries.

Ordered, That George Perkins, sub-master in the Phillips District, be placed upon the seventh year of service in his grade, to date from Oct. 1, 1881.

Salary of George Perkins.

Accepted, and the order passed.

Mr. Flint, for the Committee on High Schools, offered the following: —

Salary of Wm. Gallagher, Jr.

Ordered, That William Gallagher, Jr., junior-master in the Latin School, be credited with two years of additional service.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries.

On motion of Mr. Finney, it was

Unfinished business referred to next School Board.

Ordered, That all unfinished business at the close of this meeting be referred to the next School Board.

Com. on Sixth Division granted further time to report concerning sub-master in Lincoln School.

Mr. Gallagher, for the Committee on the Sixth Division, to whom was referred — Nov. 22 — a communication relative to the sub-master of the Lincoln School, reported that, as they are not prepared to take definite action in the matter, they request that further time be granted them.

Accepted, and further time granted.

Petition to name school-house in Egleston square the George Putnam School.

Mr. Hobbs presented a petition, signed by Albert Glover and thirty-seven others, praying that the new school-house in Egleston square be named the George Putnam School, in honor of the late George Putnam, D.D., of Roxbury.

Mr. Hobbs offered the following: —

School-house in Egleston square named George Putnam School.

Ordered, That the new School-house in Egleston square be named the George Putnam School.

Mr. Moran moved to amend the order by striking out the word "George."

Lost by a vote of 8 to 13.

The order passed.

The Vice-President in the chair.

Mr. Perkins offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to President of School Board.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be presented to the Hon. Frederick O. Prince, the President of the Board, for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during

the past year, and for the personal interest he has always manifested for the welfare of the public schools.

Resolved, That in severing the very pleasant official relations of the past three years we extend to His Honor the best wishes of the Board for his future prosperity and happiness.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The President was conducted to the chair, and responded in a brief address.

Mr. Flint offered the following: —

Vote of thanks to Vice-President Wm. H. Finney.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board be presented to Mr. William H. Finney, for the able and impartial manner in which he has performed the duties of Vice-President of the Board during the past year.

Resolved, That the Board regrets the determination of Mr. Finney to withdraw from service on the School Committee, in the belief that by his retirement the city will be deprived of a faithful and efficient officer.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Mr. Finney for his long and honorable service as a member of the School Committee; and that the best wishes of the Board will go with him for his future prosperity and happiness.

Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

The Vice-President made a brief address in response.

On motion of Mr. Crowley, it was

Record of final proceedings of School Board, and addresses of President and Vice-President, to be printed.

Ordered, That the record of the final proceedings of the present Board, together with the addresses of the President and Vice-President, be printed.

On motion of Mr. Hobbs, the Board adjourned *sine die*, at fifteen minutes before nine o'clock.

Attest:

PHINEAS BATES, Jr.,
Secretary.

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